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Thu 0430	WRMI	9955 [1751 replayed]
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Fri 0001	WRMI	9395 via Global 24 [confirmed, no longer at 0030]
Fri 2130	WRMI	7570 & 15770 [confirmed]
Sat 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1000	WRMI	5850
Sat 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0200	WH2XDE-1	1750 Victor NY
Sun 0231	KVOH	9975 [confirmed]
Sun 2300	WRMI	11580
Mon 0400v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB Area 51
Mon 2201	WRMI	9395 via Global 24
Tue 1200	WRMI	9955
Wed 0401	WRMI	9395 via Global 24
Wed 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1415	WRMI	9955
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Wed 2200	WBCQ	7490v
Wed 2201	WRMI	9395 via Global 24
Thu 0430	WRMI	9955 [or 1752 if ready in time]

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** ABKHAZIA. Sputnik launched a website and radio broadcasting in the Republic of Abkhazia. Multimedia artist Sputnik December 8 launched a website and radio broadcasting in Abkhazia. Multimedia hub "Sputnik-Abkhazia" - is the largest media project in the country that the clock will be releasing news on the Abkhaz and Russian languages in different formats, providing objective information about what is happening in the country and the world.

"Sputnik in Abkhazia - a high-quality information product that was not

in the local media space. This is the same name information portal and radio, on the launch of which we have been working for almost a year and we continue to develop this project further, as well as accounts in the Abkhaz and Russian social networks Facebook and Instagram", - said the head of "Sputnik-Abkhazia" Inal Lazba.

Currently, the multimedia hub "Sputnik-Abkhazia" has about 20 correspondents, editors, designers and managers. "The exchange of experience with Russian colleagues helped us to quickly develop new directions in modern journalism," - said Lazba.

Journalists and editors have been trained and are now engaged in the production of media products using new technologies.

Content portal "Sputnik-Abkhazia" reflects the most popular and relevant for Abkhazian readers information not only about what is happening inside the country but also around the world. In addition, the portal focuses on information from nearby regions of Russia, in particular the North Caucasus republics. Unique multimedia hub "Sputnik-Abkhazia" is that it produces content in bilingual format - Abkhazian and Russian languages.

"National Language Version of Abkhazia in the public interest. I am sure that Sputnik Agency will contribute to the development of the Abkhaz journalism and at the same time the Abkhaz language," - said Lazba.

Radio room "Sputnik-Abkhazia" covers 70% of the population. Broadcasting in Russian and Abkhaz languages being in Sukhumi, Gagra, Gudauta, Ochamchire and Gali. "In the future, we will extend the signal to the entire territory of Abkhazia", - said the head of hub "Sputnik-Abkhazia."

Has already begun construction of a studio complex, which will house the radio studio, the press center and the editorial staff. "Press-center with the possibility of online conferences will be the first site in the country able to provide remote communication expert community of Abkhazia, Russia and other countries of the world. Sputnik will provide objective information about the world of Abkhazia", - said Lazba.

After the completion of the studio Sputnik start producing their own radio programs and analytical information with leading Abkhaz politicians, experts, representatives of the public and journalists.

Multimedia artist Sputnik is modern multimedia centers, fully focused on foreign audiences in dozens of countries. Under the brand Sputnik has come round the clock news feeds in English, Arabic and Chinese -

Sputnik News Service, Sputnik Arabic News Service and Sputnik Chinese News Service. ria.ru (OnAir.ru)(via RusDX Dec 14 via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. 7465, R Tirana with somewhat muddy modulation made better by offset tuning. Reading from press re transportation infrastructure and other structural issues in E Europe, mentioning Macedonia and Serbia, etc. ID into a Music & Profile show, including what I can only describe [as] "Traditional Albanian Folk Disco music" (What would YOU call ``I Will Survive`` sung in Albanian with clarinet and what I can only surmise must have been a lahuta? See what I mean?) IS a couple of times and then off. 4+4+44+3, 0238-0258* 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

** ALGERIA [non]. Extended French news bulletin of RTV Algerienne:
0600-0611 5865 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg NWAf French news bulletin ex -0606
0611-0658 5865 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg NWAf Arabic Holy Quran px ex 0606-
2200-2211 6145 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg NWAf French news bulletin ex -2206
2211-2258 6145 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg NWAf Arabic Holy Quran px ex 2206-
Videos:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/extended-french-news-bulletin-of-rtv.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. 4949.75, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 1945-2010, notici·rio desportivo, notici·rio nacional das 2000; 35332. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Date? circa 11-14 Dec (gh)

4949.74 tentative, R·dio Nacional de Angola 0030 to 0050 threshold signal with weak audio 16 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. 6090, Dec 11 at 0627, `Caribbean Beacon` is still off. Nothing else audible but might have heard Ethiopia or Nigeria if tuned in earlier. DGS can still be heard on 5935 WWCR with only fair signal now in the night. 11775 also off at 1336 Dec 11 check, and still off at 1835 final recheck. Another SWBC country down the drain? Not that it had any value whatsoever, serving merely to propagate Dead Gene Scott from Los ¡ngeles, without so much as a local ID, ever. But it`s often crashed before only to return eventually. Probably need to fly in an engineer and/or parts from USA if it`s worth fixing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Caribbean Beacon heard with its usual good signal on 6090 after 0500 December 12, so transmitter issue has been resolved. DGS sounds much younger than normal in tonight's archive recording (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6090, Dec 12 at 0629, shux, PMS is back on air after missing only a few days; also on 11775 at 1408 Dec 12 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. Re: http://lagalenadelsur.wordpress.com/2012/08/23/argentina-la-emisora-antartica-lra36-radio-nacional-arcangel-san-gabriel/

en respuesta a La Galena del Sur:

``(Por Juan Carlos Salvia ñ Subof My MEF (R) EA ñ EDB) El 20 de octubre de 1979 comenzaban las primeras emisiones de Radio Nacional ìArc·ngel San Gabrielî. Su emplazamiento se ubica a los 63∫ 23í de latitud sur y 56∫ 59í de longitud oeste, en la BahÌa Esperanza, extremo norte de la PenÌnsula Ant·rtica. [Ö]``

Buen artÌculo, pero con varias impresiciones, basadas en que se usÛ un panfleto propagandÌstico de la radio ìp˙blicaî argentina, que sigue insistiendo en que la emisora fue y es la ìprimera y ˙nicaî que trasmitiÛ y trasmite desde el continente ant·rtico.

Es interesante como desde 1976 a la fecha han cambiado los gobiernos y se sigue insistiendo desde la radio oficialista y algunos de sus acÛlitos con ese mito, que solo puede sostenerse por ignorancia o mero chovinismo, que adem·s no aportan nada a la importante labor que ha desarrollado y viene desarrollando LRA36. Como se sabe AFAN McMurdo ya estaba operativa dos aÒos antes de LRA36

http://www.radiodx.com/articles/station-profiles/antarctica/american-forces-antarctic-network/

por lo que mal puede ser la primera. Adem·s, hoy por hoy, existen decenas de emisoras que trasmiten desde distintas bases ant·rticas, claro est· con car·cter local, por lo que mal es la ˙nica. Lo de ìprimera y ˙nicaî parece ser m·s propicio de ponerse en la letra de la ìArgentinidad al paloî de la Bersuit (como el asado, el mate, ìlas minas m·s lindas del mundoî y ìel muÒeco de Yabr·n con un tiro en la cabezaî) que de serguirse insistiendo como una verdad histÛrica.

Por si el autor del blog no lo conoce, invito a leer este artÌculo. Entre otras cosas (p·gina 33) se detalla acerca de Radio Antarkos, que operÛ (y que quiz·s opere hoy, pero no hay referencias) desde la BCAA-Base CientÌfica Ant·rtica Artigas [del Uruguay]:

http://www.iau.gub.uy/baseartigas/bcaa-aportes/Historia_de_las_comunicaciones_y_TI_en%20BCAA_en_sus_primeros_25aos-nov2009.pdf
(Gonzalo DomÌnguez, La Galena del Sur blog comments via DXLD)

Gonzalo, Ud. tiene total razÛn. He corregido la nota original, con un tachado en tal aseveraciÛn y una llamada (2) que menciona, al pie de la nota tal salvedad. Recuerdo AFAN Mc Murdo, es de mi Època. La busquÈ en el dial, pero fue siempre infructuosa su escucha, hasta que despuÈs sÛlo quedÛ en la FM. Muchas gracias por la precisiÛn.

HabÌamos encontrado este excelente texto del Cne. Waldemar Fontes. Est· pendiente hacer una entrada referente a la operaciÛn de radioaficionados CX0XY, allÌ, oportunamente, se incluir· tambiÈn el enlace a este documento. Nuevamente, gracias por su visita al blog, la lectura y el comentario (presumably Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, blog proprietor, ibid.)

** ANTIGUA. Amigos, ontem quarta tivemos abertura TEP aqui na cidade de S„o Paulo com a Observer Radio 91.1 MHz entre 23:05 hor·rio de BrasÌlia (ver„o) durando atÈ 23:50; o audio estava um pouco distorcido, o pico da abertura foi entre 23:20 atÈ 23:45 BrasÌlia quando comeÁou a dissipar e desapareceu por volta de 23:50
http://youtu.be/PiZcpegVs5Q
Em hor·rio UT a TEP foi entre 0105 e 0150 de 11/12/2014

Na terÁa feira n„o houve TEP por aqui. 73¥s (Fran [Jr.] - S„o Paulo SP, Sony XDR-F1HD, Antena interna yagi 9 elementos, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

I`m glad Fran takes the trouble to specify times/dates in UT as well as local. It does seem odd that the Brasilians always refer to BrasÌlia time [DST or not] rather than SP or Rio or wherever. That`d be like Aussies referring to ``Canberra time`` or Americans ``Washington time`` or Canadians ``Ottawa time`` or Nevadans ``Carson City time``. Hardly pertinent (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 11711.8 [sic], RAE in English with OM talx with ID and Argentinian music. USB needed to sort this out from China Radio Int'l (in Russian) 2+3x42, 0335-0345 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

11710.74 approx., Dec 13 at 0326, poor signal from RAE with het from 11710.0, presumed CRI Russian via Urumqi which is even weaker. This is the shifted English hour of RAE UT Tue-Sat, now with music, unusable.

11710.75 approx., Dec 17 at 0150, RAE carrier measured here, amid heavy QRDRM from India 11710-11715-11720, and RAE itself seems undermodulated.

I`m checking this because two reports from MARE Dec 6 put it about 1 kHz higher: 11711.82. I suspect they influenced each other

incorrectly, as I`ve never noted RAE on the hi side of 11711. I had also measured it Dec 13 on 11710.74 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2485 tentative, VL8K Katherine NT 1140 to 1210 deep fades, some audio. 14 December.

4835, VL8A Alice Springs, NT, 1155 to 1220. Siege coverage press conference ìnot free to discuss what is happening inside Ölives of the hostages of most importanceì 15 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. VANDALISING THE ABC --- Gíday Glenn, Parts of the attached may be of interest. Quentin Dempster has had a long and very distinguished career in broadcasting in Australia. Regards (Ian Johnson, ARDXC via DXLD)

18 page pdf has been posted as attachment to the DXLD yg (gh, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Posted to dxldyg - "Quentin Dempster: Vandalising the ABC," on page 16:

"Mark Scott summed up the ABCís survival challenge in current political and funding context as specifically to ëreinvestí in ABC content for mobiles and tablets . . . ."

"We see four key areas that will need investment for us to be able to grow this mobile and online audience. One is iView, one is Triple J, one is our ABC childrenís services and the final one is ABC News."

"Mobile and online" is not SW, but still, perhaps we will be hearing even more Triple J in the future via RA? (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm starting to wonder if we will see a situation for Radio Australia that is similar to what happened to Radio Norway in its dying days a dozen years ago: The actual international service was closed at the end of 2001, but due to transmitter contracts, the domestic service continued to be broadcast on SW in the former Radio Norway time slots until the contract ran out at the end of 2003. Are we going to see the same "zombie" status for RA due to whatever contract the ABC has with Broadcast Australia? (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

11945, Dec 12 at 0657, R. Australia, poor signal, chat lamenting the passing of the character Steven Colbert (last `Colbert Report` on Comedy Central is Dec 18; in May he becomes David Letterman`s successor on CBS and presumably has to be himself). I guess his show

is familiar to Aussies as well (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15300, ABC Sydney (702 kHz) via RA, 0435-0502, Dec 15. Live relay as events happen in Sydney regarding the Martin Place hostage situation; gives traffic bulletins as to what roads are blocked off and the best way out of the city; many "702 ABC Sydney" IDs; live news conference given by Deputy Police Commissioner Catherine Burn (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] 6150, Dec 15 at 1350, tune-in to RA with continuous coverage of the cafÈ hostage affair in Sydney. Now we know what it takes to get RA off that throwaway music from Triple J after 1300. Also on 9580 much better, 5995 Brandon an echo behind, 5940 poor. Keeps right on going past 1400 without a formal newscast: for that, to find out the basic details, have to listen to RNZI on 5950. Finally at 1446, RA on 12065 goes on briefly to some other news; 9580 cuts off at 1458* abruptly amid, and not until *1459:17 does 9850 come on to replace it, while 12065 is unbroken.

At 1500, ``You are watching ABC`s continued coverage ---`` No, I`m NOT. This is RADIO! I beg to differ. In the next half hour the situation is resolved, by when I am watching mostly 7 Network coverage both via MSNBC and CNN. 7 superimposes its big 7 logo continuously moving across the screen over the event video. That`ll keep any other network from pirating their video! I`ve never seen a US network do that so obtrusively. Much earlier around 0500, Ron Howard heard IDs for ``702 ABC Sydney`` on 15300, so was that really radio or even then RA relaying/relying ultimately on TV coverage?

15240, Dec 16 at 0648, RA not // 13630 and 11945 which are in English, but here in Tok Pisin --- you may think it`s English for a bit until they throw in ``b`long`` every few words (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, It was actually ABC Sydney local radio. At one point the radio announcer was describing what he was watching on "Channel 7," as two hostages came out the back door. He clearly said it was what he was seeing on the "telly." Audio -
https://app.box.com/s/nl6ibid6kqut4iq1uygk
with "ABC Sydney" ID at 0402 (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. Have a nice Chrismas time: 21st of December 2014
7330, Moosbrunn, 100 kW, 1100 h UTC | 12:00 h CET [until when?]
Additional broadcast of Radio Joystick
Repeating the Charlie-Prince-Show of 7th of December
http://www.radiojoystick.de
http:/www.charlieprinceshow.com

(Charlie Prince, Dec 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHAMAS. 1540, Nassau ZNS-1, 1300 yl ìGood Morning, this is the Bahamas Radio Network; time for the newsì 13 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. Bangladesh Batar, 4750 at 1505 UT in lang? giving frequency announcements. Good (Mick Delmage, at Moman antenna farm near Lamont, AB, Perseus SDR with many antenna choices, date? Circa Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BANGLADEXE. 4750, Bangladesh Betar, Khabirpur, 1640-1705*, 13/12, bengalÍs, canÁıes locais, an˙ncios, ‡s 1649, sinal hor·rio, ID e notici·rio, apÛs o que houve fecho abrupto; 35433. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15105, Bangladesh Betar, English OM s/on with ID, into News read by YL at 1231 including items re garment industry in Bangladesh and the tropical storms about to hit the Philippines. "That is the end of the news" at 1237 and a Bangladeshi music bumper into a commentary re the Malaysian trip just completed by a Bangladeshi official and ID by OM at end of commentary at 1242. Promo mentioning FM90 MHz and languages such as English, Nepalese, Urdu, Hindi, Arabic & Bengal[i]. "Economic Review" at 1244 with item re Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia. Then a patriotic song at 1248 and the English pop tune ``One of these Nights`` by the Eagles. ID with addresses at 1258, then off. In well, 44+54+4, 1230-1259* 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

New URL for Radio Bangladesh

As recorded in the latest edition of WRTH, the Radio Bangladesh (Bangladesh Betar) website has a new URL: http://www.betar.gov.bd (it doesn't work without the www). The site has also been given a bit of a revamp, including comprehensive frequency info but no longer a live audio stream (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Dec 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Home page hits you first with anti-Pakistan commentary; seems they still hold a grudge.

Well, it has buttons for Live AM, Live FM, and ondemand news in English et al. I get music on Live AM, but the 9:45 English news is very muffled, poor audio.
http://www.betar.gov.bd/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Newse.mp3
(Glenn, 0345 UT Dec 17, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

I stand corrected. I can't see the audio stream buttons in the Firefox browser, only in the Chrome and Internet Explorer browsers - presumably due to a missing or defective plug-in in the former. (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, dxldyg via DXLD)

Have not heard Bangladesh, in their evening transmission for ages; they were on 13580 at 1745 UTC in the summer, but no sign now, also where has Kuwait gone? All the best (Chris Lewis, England, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sked via website above still shows BB on 13580; maybe it just isn`t propagating in the winter; nor KUWAIT if still on 15540 in English at 18-21 as always (Glenn to Chris, via DXLD)

** BELARUS. TERRIBLE 11730 kHz outlet downunder in Brisbane Australia, seemingly via long path via Azores, Colombia, Easter Island, southern Pacific into NZ/AUS? Broadband range 11726 to 11734 kHz covered by BUZZY 100 Hertz peaks, 36 peaks like a garden fence visible each sideband, seen on Perseus software browser. At 1140 UT on Dec 13 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Dec 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BERMUDA. 2582-USB, Bermuda Harbour Radio at 0038 ìThis is Ö.Bermudaì 17 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN [and non]. [from] Ralph Perry: Noticed your item and wanted to comment that actually Yunnan has been dominating most all mornings checked lately and BBS usually not there. Not sure about specifically the morning of 7 Dec tho, so can't comment specifically on that, but a good tip to achieve 100% ID next time is to try to get a parallel with the BBS webstream, here: http://www.bbs.bt/news/

Another way to deal with this is to try to get a // with PBS Yunnan 7210, which is sometimes there, too, which helps determine what you are listening to. But the best way is confirm/disallow BBS ID is to just go get the lagging // with the BBS webstream.

Also do check the precision frequency. During this season's appearances, BBS has been fairly consistently running a bit low, at 6034.95-.96 whereas PBS Yunnan has been almost dead-on 6035.00, sometimes a tad higher at 6035.01-.02

Of course, the music for Bhutan is also a dead giveaway (the twangy ethnic stringed instrument) that comes after the OM with Dzongka newscast right after 1200. The traditional music varies in when it starts, but never much before 1215 or so.

PBS Yunnan is in Vietnamese at this time, which is totally different-

sounding, too, so that is another piece of important info.

[Basis for our "tentative" log was mentions of "Thimpu", heard by 3 of is at the DXpedition.] (Harold Frodge, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6035.00, Bhutan right now is booming in here near Colombo 0143, Dec 11 (Victor Goonetilleke in DXplorer via Anker Petersen, WB yg via DXLD)

Thank you very much to Victor for your hint! I tried the frequency in the middle of our night of Dec 12 and heard it at 0133-0215 (beginning to fade out here). The frequency was empty 0100-0120+; beautiful Bhutanese folksongs and ann in Dzongkha by man and woman, 0200 talk by woman (probably reading news), 35333.

The transmission from the Bhutan Broadcasting Service has a special importance for me, because I visited Bhutan in April 2010. There I visited the Sangaygang Hill with the transmitter and a wonderful view down over the capital Thimphu. Later I tried to visit the BBS Broadcasting House downtown, but it was closed due to a local holiday. (Anker Petersen, heard these stations on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, WB yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba 0055 to 0100 yl with ìdesde Boliviaî at tune in 18 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. CQ, CQ, CQ; AquÌ Pedro F. Arrun·tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

3310.00, BOLIVIA, R. Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba; 1/12 2340-0005 44444 mx px en quechua sobre el DÌa del Sida y los resultados de la enfermedad en Bolivia y las prevenciones del caso mxf en quechua. advs. ID ìRadio Chaski..î (en espaÒol).

5952.40, BOLIVIA, R. Pio XII, Siglo XX; 2/12 0045-0010 44444 news en quechua y mxf advs en quechua ID ìEllos anuncian sus 55 aÒos al servicio sirviendo a la comunidad (escuchar grabaciÛn adjunta)î

6025.00, BOLIVIA, R. Patria Nueva, La Paz; 3/12 2310-2335 44444 news tratan sobre el dÌa de la discapacidad px Bolivia Informa news biling¸e espaÒol y quechua. advs ID "Patria Nueva "

6105.35, BOLIVIA, R. Panamericana, La Paz; 6/12 1114-1140 33333 mxf px M˙sica Boliviana ID ìPanamericana, agradece su sintonÌaî advs varios px El Dialogo en Panamericana ID ìPresenta Panamericanaî El noticiero

en cadena nacional.. AtenciÛn nuestras filiales.. Bolivia escucha el llamado del mar.. OcÈano Pacifico ID ìPanamericana La Radioî bandera de Boliviaî px El Panamericano

La recepciÛn la he efectuado del 23/11 al 16/12 en compaÒÌa de mi sabueso Icom IC R72 acompaÒado del Mizuho KX-3, MFJ-1025 con antena auxiliar, una antena de hilo largo de 12 metros y una antena loop. Muchos 128¥s PFA (CHASQUI DX PFA ñ DICIEMBRE 2014, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, GUATEMALA, PERU

** BOLIVIA. 4699.9, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta 1010 to 1020 weak with om in Spanish 16 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.55, Radio Pio XII in Spanish, 0150 UT Dec 7/14. Local music and announcements. Announcer seemed to interact with younger children in the studio. Nice ID at 0229 followed by sign off announcements over the song "March from the River Kwai (Colonel Bogey). Three IS at 0232 then off. Very Good (Mick Delmage, at Moman antenna farm near Lamont, AB, Perseus SDR with many antenna choices, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5952.47, Emisora Pio XII, 0030 on December 15. Man and (mostly) woman announcers. Sounds like a local radio station, complete with commercials. "Pio Doce" ID's throughout programming in Spanish. Fair signal that faded toward the hour. No interference from Iran which showed up on 5950 around 0050. "Bridge Over River Kwai" whistling tune at TOH with lengthy announcement under, then off abruptly around 0102 (Jim Andrew (Houston, Texas, USA) - Funcube Pro+ SDR running SDR Console, SPR-4, 8m high amateur band vertical, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Sesquihour earlier sign-off UT Mondays (gh)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.87, Radio Santa Cruz, 0010 to 0015.... ìRadio Santa Cruzî ID at tune in. 19 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BONAIRE. 24945-USB, approx., Dec 11 at 2049, PJ4DX keeps repeating nothing but his callsign over and over. He can`t be bothered to waste time uttering ``QRZ`` or ``This is``. Finally adds the word ``Bonaire`` in a very brief contact, as some contest must be underway. At least I think PJ4DX was the station calling rather than station called, lacking any explicit info. QRZ.com shows: ``Steve Telenius-Lowe, QSL only via M0URX. QTH: SA-006, island of Bonaire. SEE DETAILS BELOW`` He was formerly in Sabah (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 3375.1, Brasil, R·dio Municipal S„o Gabriel da Cachoeira, 0015 om in Portuguese; 0030 music fair signal strength 16 December

(Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4754.9, Brasil, R·dio Imaculada ConceiÁ„o, Campo Grande, MS 0050 to 0103 numbers in Portuguese, good clear signal 18 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. CQ, CQ, CQ; AquÌ Pedro F. Arrun·tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

4845.00, BRASIL, Cultural Onda Tropicais, Manaus; 2/12 2340-0010 22222 news varias no dan ID ìEscuchar grabaciÛn adjunta). NOTA: frecuencia verificada.

4865.00, BRASIL, R. Verde Floresta [sic], Acre; 10/12 0010-0040 44444 new varias px El Jornal news, no pasan ID

4885.00, BRASIL, R. Clube do Par·, BelÈn, PA; 24/11 0008-0035 22222 news advs varios ID ìRadio Club do Para.. Indican relaciÛn de estaciones del grupo.. (Escuchar grabaciÛn adjunta)î comentarios sobre el sorteo de los grupos de futbol sudamericano

4925.20, BRASIL, R. Educacao Rural, TefÈ; 10/12 0045-0110 33333 news ID ìEducacao Rural.. la potenteî mx iD (escuchar grabaciÛn)

5939.86, BRASIL, R. Voz Missionaria, Cambori˙, SC; 2/12 0015-0040 22222 mx rom·ntica LA y religiosa en forma continua, no pasan ID.

5970.00, BRASIL, R. Itatiaia, Bello Horizonte; 12/12 2345-0015 33333 mx advs varios comentarios varios. No escucho ID.

9645.40, BRASIL, R. Bandeirantes, San Pablo; 6/12 0305-0335 33333 mx varias ID ìRadio Bandeirantesî

9819.87, BRASIL, R. Nove de Julho, San Pablo, SP; 23/11 0315-0405 22222 mx religiosa px La Voz de MarÌa ID ìNove de Julho..î px estudio bÌblico advs religioso sobre Aparecida

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** BRAZIL. BRASIL [selected] 4845, R. Cultura do Amazonas, Manaus AM,

2250-2304, 12/12, m˙sica, A Voz do Brasil, ‡s 2302; 44333, modulaÁ„o fraca, QRM de CODAR. Na ID, n„o se ouviu "R. Cultura Ondas Topicais", mas sim "R. Cultura do Amazonas".

4845 idem, 2243-2245(fecho?), 14/12, ID, hino (n„o o nacional, talvez o do estado do Amazonas), ao que se seguiu ausÍncia de ·udio; 44343, modulaÁ„o razo·vel, desta vez, QRM de CODAR.

5970, R. Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte MG, 2151-2209, 12/12, A Voz do Brasil, adjectivo da emissora "Itatiaia - a R·dio de Minas", programa de futebol; 44433, QRM adjacente.

6010.07, R. InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte MG, 2206-2217, 12/12, programa acerca de futebol; 33431, QRM adj. e na mesma freq.

6135.04, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2220-2235, 13/12, canÁıes religiosas, an˙ncios comerciais durante o programa Com a M„e Aparecida, v.g. espaÁos hoteleiros no santu·rio da Aparecida; 44433. Enfim, e se os mesmos utentes visitarem o santu·rio (...) congÈnere de F·tima, aqui em Portugal, tb. encontrar„o uma profus„o desses mesmos espaÁos... e loginhas de "cangalhada" a condizer com o local... … caso para dizer: converter-me-ia se o chamado AltÌssimo acabasse com certas fontes geradoras de QRM e QRN, no mÌnimo! 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4885, Dec 14 at 0608, full ID mentioning BelÈm, Par·, poor-fair signal vs CODAR, as ZYG362 remains the #1 Brazilian signal on 60m, overnight --- no sign of the other one on 4885, Acre (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9586.66, ZYE969, R·dio Deus È Amor, 2240 on December 5. Man with excited religious-sounding message. Occasional religious music interlude. Several times he broke out into a Brazo-soccer-like hysteria (I kept waiting for gooooooooooal!). ID at top of hour. Full hymn after the hour. Fair signal with only light fading. Able to dig this out only by using SDR capabilities to completely razor out Chinese-language programming on 9585 kHz and presumed CRI in Spanish on 9590 kHz. Both started carriers a few minutes before 2300 with full programming on the hour (Jim Andrew (Houston, Texas) - Funcube Pro+ SDR Running SDR Console, SPR-4, 8 m tall amateur band vertical, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. RB2 9725 kHz - Curitiba, no ar --- 9725 kHz: Radio RB2, Curitiba PR, 12/12. Programa de est˙dio, mx brasileira, referencias a Curitiba PR, identificaÁ„o ëRB2... RB2, sÛ sucessoí. 35543 Rx: Sony ICF2001D, antena: Loop Blindada de Ondas curtas DXCB (indoor) + Amplificador de RF DXCB V1

11935, Radio RB2 (ex-Clube Paranaense), Curitiba PR, 15/12 1310 UT, // 9725 + 1430 kHz, 35553. Rx: Sony ICF2001D, ant.: Loop DXCB (indoor). 73, (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, http://dxways-br.blogspot.com http://www.ondascurtas.com WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RB2 9725 kHz - Curitiba, chegando bem por S„o JosÈ dos Campos, 30 acima de 9; ·udio muito bom; Hora = 11 h; receptor R71E; antena morgain para 20 m; 5m de altura. JG (JosÈ Silva, 1301 UT Dec 12, ibid.)

FYI - RB2 (the old R. Clube Paranaense) - Curitiba, Brazil, on 9725 kHz - please give a listen at:

RB2 de Curitiba volta a transmitir em ondas curtas/ R·dio RB2 back on Shortwave
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-k2iHJp0o8
(via Ron Howard, dxldyg via DXLD) And from 2013 about this:

``A R·dio RB2, de Curitiba (PR), j· pode ser ouvida novamente em ondas curtas. A emissora foi ouvida em Juiz de Fora (MG), em 27 de setembro, por volta das 1800, no TU, pelo Konrad Oliveira Kelmer, na freq¸Íncia de 6040 kHz, em 49 metros. Na ocasi„o era levado ao ar o programa ìVitrol„o da RB2?, dedicado a tocar m˙sicas de raiz. Segundo ele o sinal era razo·vel. De acordo com o apresentador da emissora, Edemar Annuseck, tambÈm est„o sendo testadas as freq¸Íncias de 9725 e 11935 kHz. … uma excelente notÌcia! (Celio Romais blog Oct 2 via Celio, DXLD)

[Radio RB2, Curitiba (PR), can now be heard again on shortwave. The station was heard in Juiz de Fora (MG), on September 27, around 1800, the TU, by Konrad Oliveira Kelmer, frequency of 6040 kHz, in 49 meters. At the time was aired the program "Vitrol„o the RB2", dedicated to play root music. According to him the sign was reasonable. According to the presenter of the station, Edemar Annuseck, are also being tested frequencies of 9725 and 11935 kHz. This is excellent news! (Celio Romais blog Oct 2 via Celio, DXLD) - Google translation - Ron]

See DXLDs 13-32 and 13-33. RB2 is the old R. Clube Paranaense, short for PRB2 original callsign. Plans were announced to reactivate on SW in December, but already heard now on 6040, and they say they are also testing 9725 and 11935 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

RB2: Only empty radio channel, nothing heard on 9725 kHz around 2300 UT on Dec 12, even in Florida and Massachusetts remote SDR unit logs (Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX 13 Dec via DXLD)

Boa tarde, RB2 em 9725 recebida com sinal muito forte, parecendo emissora local. RX: Motobras RMPF74AC; Antena: telescÛpica; AbraÁo (Paulo - Pindamonhangaba-SP, radioescutas yg via DXLD) Dec 15 or 16?

RB2 reativou os 9725 e 11935 kHz (ondas curtas), sinal // com 1430 kHz ondas mÈdias. Ambas as frequÍncias em sintonia em S„o Bernardo SP por meio de um Sony ICF2001D e a antena Loop Blindada de Ondas Curtas DXCB, com SINPO 35543 a 35553. 73, (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, http://dxways-br.blogspot.com http://www.ondascurtas.com
Dec 15, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Re: RB2 9725 + 11935 kHz --- Eu entrei no chat da emissora e falei a respeito da escuta aqui em ItiruÁu na Bahia. O locutor leu a mensagem e se mostrou entusiasmado com o ancance das OC (Ed Santos, Locutor, 16 Dec, ibid.)

Ondas curtas da B2 de Curitiba --- Nesta terÁa-feira, dia 16 de dezembro, ‡s 11h45 hora de BrasÌlia ou 1345 hora UT, sintonizei as duas ondas curtas da B2 - 31 metros = 9725 kHz e 25 metros = 11935 kHz com Ûtimo sinal e qualidade de ·udio muito boa. Pareceu-me que se trata de emissora catÛlica. NÛs, radioescutas, esper·vamos por este instante havia muito tempo. … bom que os radioescutas deste grupo a escutem e enviem comunicado, como eu fiz, atravÈs do site da emissora.

… mais uma empresa radiofÙnica prestigiando as ondas curtas. Salve, salve
R·dio Ga˙cha em 25 metros,
R·dio Boa Vontade 31 e 25 m,
R·dio Transmundial em 31 e 25 metros,
Voz Mission·ria em 31 metros e 49 metros,
R·dio Aparecida em 60 metros, 49 metros e 31 metros.
R·dio Cultura de Araraquara em 90m,
R·dio B2 em 31 e 25 metros,
R·dio Marumbi em 49m, 31m,
R·dio Bandeirantes SP 49m, 31m e 25m,
R·dio InconfidÍncia 49m 19m,
R·dio Itatiaia 49m,
R·dio Brasil Central 25m 60m,
R·dio Nacional EBC de BrasÌlia 25m
e outras emissoras, religiosas ou n„o, cujos nomes me fogem agora, que me desculpem. Nossas saudaÁıes ‡s emissoras que prestigiam as ondas curtas. Forte 73 (LUIZ CHAINE NETO, LIMEIRA SP, 16-12-2014, ibid.)

Chaine, a RB2 È r·dio catÛlica sim (Paulo Labastie, ibid.)

Boa NotÌcia! Acabei de monitorar a emissora aqui em ItiruÁu-BA. O sinal chega razoavelmente bem. PorÈm na frequencia de 11935 tem uma forte interferencia de uma emissora internacional, mas isso È normal

neste hor·rio (Ed Santos, ibid.)

Segundo informaÁıes que recebi da direÁ„o da B2, as ondas curtas de 49m 6040 kHz entrar„o no ar na semana que vem, ou seja, de 21 a 27 de dezembro. J· est„o no ar as de 31m 9725 kHz e 25m 11935 kHz. Em 31m temos muitas emissoras religiosas com qualidade de ·udio muito boa, como a 9 de Julho em 9820 kHz. Forte 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, 16-12-2014, ibid.)

9725 & 11935, Dec 17 at 0153 check, no signal from RB2, Curitiba, recently reported reactivated on these SW frequencies. Suspect schedule is limited and/or irregular. Nor do I hear it circa 1330, but little from Brasil makes it here in our mornings on 25m (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 11750, 08/12 2347 CHINA, CNR1 China National Radio 01 YL/OM/Cxs. Outro QRM da R. Nac. AmazÙnia Inicio de Espurius fora de faixa, 34333 DW

11745 e 11815 kHz, 13/12 2045, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia Com Espurius fora de faixa ja em 11780 khz Om cxs 45444 DW

11875, 13/12 2030 Possivel Teste em DRM Radio Nacional da Amazonia, MXS Sertanejas // Gino e Geno, 45444 (Daniel Wyllyans, Nova Xavantina MT, Tecsun PL 660, Antena Long wire letra T insolada, somente nas pontas 20 M por 10 M de altura, HCDX via DXLD)

If you could make out ANY modulation, music, on your PL-660 it wasn`t DRM! It could however be a higher-order FM-distorted spur from 11780; 3 x 33 = 99 which would put it circa 11879. Anyhow the previous two logs are surely those spurs I have also been hearing (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

11747, Dec 11 at 0621, crackly spur from 11780.1 RNA is very poor but detectable with BFO.

11747, Dec 12 at 0656, distorted spur from 11780.1 RNA/RNB is very poor but still audible.

11714 approx., Dec 13 at 0327, center of extremely distorted crackly spur matching the modulation peaks of 11780.1, RNA/RNB --- yes the second-order spur is back, about 66 kHz away from fundamental, which means the first-order spur 33 kHz away circa 11747 is much stronger than usual. On 1 kHz DX-398 steps, I can hear it between 11742 and 11752, really messing up something on 11750. Matching spurs on hi side, 11813 and 11846 are slightly weaker. Come on EBC, clean up your transmitter!

11648, 11681, 11714, 11747, 11813, 11846, approx., multiples of 33 kHz, extremely distorted modulation-peak spurs from 11780.1 RNA/RNB, Dec 13 at 0700, so now it`s even worse than earlier this evening when I was not getting the lower two, which are third- and fourth-order, progressively weaker, but detectable and matchable to the others and the fundamental (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11747 & 11813, Dec 14 at 0555, distorted spurs from 11780.1 RNA/RNB are audible.

11747 & 11813, Dec 15 at 0615, crackling spurs from 11780.1 RNA/RNB are still audible, centred approximately on these frequencies. 11747 & 11813, Dec 16 at 0646, ditto.

11747, Dec 17 at 0153, RNA/RNB spur from 11780.1 is JBA instead of TIA. 11747 & 11813 spurs both audible at 0546 Dec 17.

6180 at 0155 Dec 17 has a JBA carrier, probably CRI English via Kashgar, and RNA off. At 0549 recheck Dec 17, no signal at all on 6180 while 11780 inbooms plus spurs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Jovem Pan 620 kHz via 84.7 FM --- Agora parece ser definitivo. Na identificaÁ„o habitual da R·dio Jovem Pan pelas ondas mÈdias, esta acrescenta a seguinte informaÁ„o: ``...e agora tambÈm pela FM estendida 84.7 MHz....`` Checados os 84.7 MHz pelo Sony ICF2001D, um sinal presente com a mesma programaÁ„o transmitida por ondas mÈdias, 620 kHz. PorÈm com intensidade inferior ‡ que foi sintonizada enquanto estavam em car·ter experimental.

Agora vamos ver se a idÈia da migraÁ„o vai funcionar mesmo. Pelo que se alardeou quando do lanÁamento do referido projeto, falou-se em saÌda de emissoras do AM para irem para a FM estendida. Se isto for verdade (no que ainda permaneÁo cÈtico), os 620 kHz em S„o Paulo devem vagar. Para nÛs, radioescutas, uma Ûtima pedida, porque na mesma frequÍncia de ondas mÈdias da JP existem boas possibilidades de se fazer um Ûtimo DX por aqui. Mas acredito mesmo que o governo vai acabar acrescentando a FM estendida ‡s emissoras que com isto ampliar„o o seu horizonte de emissıes, e a referida substituiÁ„o do AM pelo FM n„o ir· ocorrer. Pelo menos n„o por ora. 73, (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, Dec 13, radidoescutas yg via DXLD)

Rudolf e amigos, eu tambÈm tenho acompanhado a freq¸Íncia de 84.7 MHz; agora est· o tempo todo no ar e com a mesma programaÁ„o do AM 620 kHz, tambÈm acho que sÛ desativar„o os 620 se for obrigado por lei j· que das concorrentes diretas do AM a JP era a ˙nica que n„o tinha retransmiss„o em FM - CBN 780 kHz 90.5 MHz - Bandeirantes 840 kHz 90.9 MHz. 73's (Fran, Jr., S„o Paulo SP, ibid.)

Eu sÛ posso dizer que para mim vai ser muito bom, pois sou super f„ de FM, hehe. Vamos aguardar (Anderson JosÈ Torquato, ibid.)

Amigos, A lei previÍ que a emissora que pediu migraÁ„o ter· que, depois de um determinado prazo (n„o recordo agora qual È), ter· que devolver o canal de OM. Lembrando que oficialmente o prazo para a Jovem Pan ainda n„o comeÁou a contar, pois trata-se de transmiss„o experimental. 73's (Lucio Haeser, ibid.)

Prezados, Tomara que nao desativem mesmo! E com pesar que vejo essa migraÁ„o. O AM ainda pode nos dar muitas alegrias. E outra, sou f„ da JP AM 620 SP e quando posso ouÁo aqui no Rio durante a noite. Quando a JP2 ocupou por breve perÌodo os 102.9 da Cidade, eles transmitiam o Jornal da Manh„ das 6 ‡s 7h e eu adorava. Eu chamava isso de amostra gratis da JP AM SP. Que ela continue nos 620 am e nunca saia dele. O mesmo vale pra Nacional, CBN Globo, Tupi, InconfidÍncia, Itatiaia, Bandeirantes, Ga˙cha e etc. Att, (Leonardo Ivo Neves da Silva, ibid.)

Na migraÁ„o as emissoras que ficararem em banda estendida v„o sofrer com a falta de receptores nessa faixa; de 1976 atÈ hoje sÛ fazem receptores em banda 88-108 MHz. Muitos v„o sucumbir, a digitalisaÁ„o seria o correto, e nenhuma emissora migrou ainda; essa ai que est· sendo anunciada n„o È migraÁ„o. Abcs (Py2ari, Ariovaldo Lobrito, ibid.) See also MUSEA

** CANADA. According to the Industry Canada database, CBC/IRC has surrendered the license for CBGA-1 New-Carlisle PQ. Can anyone tell on 540 MW near the area? a (Andy Reid, Ont., Dec 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Per Dan Sys's Canadian Radio News FB Page: Jean-Guy Landry, I confirm. It's off the air since last week. The last two FM repeaters (Pointe-‡-la-Garde - 92.3 and MatapÈdia - 101.7) are on the air. AM stations are quietly disappearing in northern New Brunswick. There's only CJVA in Caraquet (it's a matter of time before they flip to FM - probably next summer if the CRTC says yes) and CKNB in Campbellton [Dec12/2014] (via Andy Reid, Dec 13, ibid.)

** CANADA [and non]. CFCW-790 in Camrose, Alberta, now promises to move to 840 kHz in Summer 2015, six years after the change was applied for, in conjunction with CKKY-830 Wainwright AB (2013) and CKBA-850 Athabasca AB (2009) moving to FM. CFCW expects that this will resolve the current holes in night-time coverage in areas where KJRB-790 Spokane WA is frequently dominant. WHAS Louisville KY is currently the dominant station on 840, though a recent transmitter site rebuild at KXNT North Las Vegas NV sees the secondary directional lobe pointing at CFCW.

The announcement was a surprise to all of us here, as the construction permit has lapsed and at least one CFCW manager said she doubted it would ever happen. But there it was on the 60th Anniversary brochure published last month by the station. I picked up a copy of the brochure, quite by chance, a few days ago (Jon Pearkins, Edmonton, CANADIAN RADIO NEWS edited by Dan Sys, IRCA DX Monitor Dec 20 via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6030, CFVP, Calgary at 2240 with ad string, The Source, Telus, Winners, Home Depot, Five Star Autoglass, Fido, then ID ìCalgaryís all-new Funny 10 60 AMî, and then a comedian - Fair Dec 17 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN-1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at http://www.odxa.on.ca dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. VOA Exclusive: Diamonds and the Death of the Central African Republic http://www.insidevoa.com/content/voa-exclusive-diamonds-and-the-death-of-the-central-african-republic/2561737.html

A man who gave his name as Sylvain said he was in charge of the anti-balaka militia in the region around Boda. Armed mainly with machetes, the militia groups now control the rich diamond mining areas in the southwest part of CAR. Sept. 18, 2004 (VOA/Bagassi Koura) [caption]

December 16, 2014 WASHINGTON, D.C. ó How do diamonds fuel a cycle of poverty and violence? A riveting multimedia report by VOA tells how the diamond trade did just that in the Central African Republic.

The report opens with a video shot of a boy sifting through muddy water for diamonds. CAR is one of the poorest countries in the world, but its diamonds are among the most valuable in the world. If the boy finds one ìthe size of a pencil tipî it could feed a family for a month or more.

But CARís precious diamonds are also sought by armed militias, representing different religious, military, political and ethnic factions, who are battling for control of the countryís diamond trade. The VOA report, In Central African Republic, Diamonds Fuel A Cycle of Violence and Poverty, tells how the militias, eager to control trade in CARís diamonds and other resources, have caused its collapse. . . http://projects.voanews.com/central-african-republic-diamonds/#share [with audio, video] (VOA PR via DXLD)

** CHINA. 9200, 08/12 0014, CNR1 China National Radio 01 OM/Cxs Mandarim, 45333 DW

9200, 13/12 0015, TWN, Sound of Hope, OM/YL Cxs in language Mandarim, 35333 DW (Daniel Wyllyans, Nova Xavantina MT, Tecsun PL 660, Antena Long wire letra T insolada, somente nas pontas 20 M por 10 M de altura, HCDX via DXLD)

So how do you conclude one is CNR1 and the other SOH at almost exactly same time and frequency, 5 days apart? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9320, Dec 13 at 0316, very poor signal with heavy flutter, talk in Chinesish. Yes, Aoki shows the only usage of 9320 is by Sound of Hope 100-watt relays of Radio Free Asia, and thus *jammed by CNR1 with at least 100x the power (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINA vs USA(non), CNR-1 Jamming vs Voice of America:
1400-1500 on 15745 UDO 250 kW / 316 deg to CeAs Tibetan CNR-1 over VOA
1400-1500 on 17585 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg to CeAs Tibetan VOA over CNR-1
Videos:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/cnr-1-jamming-vs-voice-of-america.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Dec 15, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

CHINA vs TAIWAN, CNR-8 & CNR-1 Jamming vs Radio Taiwan International:
1400-1500 6180 LIN 100 kW / 286 deg CHN Kazakh CNR-8 & CNR-1 Jamming
1400-1500 6180 TSH 300 kW / 352 deg EaAs Chinese Radio Taiwan Inter.
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/cnr-8-cnr-1-jamming-vs-radio-taiwan.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #885 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Dec. 16, 2014, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 9495, Dec 17 at 1514, CNR1 jammer with heavy CCI, i.e. per HFCC, IBB Chinese-Mandarin via SAIPAN at 15-16. Aoki says it`s RFA.
9440, Dec 17 at 1514, same clash as on 9495, CNR1 jammer, also vs RFA Saipan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 1170 quite good into IL tonight --- Arm chair copy on the south D-KAZ antenna near midnight (0600z) with Spsnish talk and then Caracol slogans and promos Christmas (Navidad) ads (some give away I think). I can dig this out almost every night on this antenna and it is the ONLY station from Colombia that ever comes in well anymore and tonight it is really good much of the time in semi-auroral conditionis (what's new? entire season has been semi-AU). 73 KAZ (Neil Kazarodss, Barrington IL, Perseus and 128' x 21' DKAZ aimed due south, 0619 UT Dec 13, ABDX via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. Voz Conciencia, 5910 kHz, 0458 UT Dec 8/14 in Spanish with music and many ID's. Very Good (Mick Delmage, at Moman antenna farm near Lamont, AB, Perseus SDR with many antenna choices, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

COL‘MBIA, 5910, Alcarav·n R [sic] via A Voz da tua ConsciÍncia, Lomalinda, 2334-2345, 11/12, canÁıes; 35433. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910, La Voz de [sic] Conciencia (HJDH), 2330 on December 14. Woman announcer in between Latin songs, some with obvious religious content, all in Spanish. Multiple ID's scattered throughout the programming. Was looking for "Alcarav·n Radio" as listed in multiple locations. Fair signal with local noise and frequent interference (handled nicely with software) from multiple ALE soundings just above (Jim Andrew (Houston, Texas, USA) - Funcube Pro+ SDR running SDR Console, SPR-4, 8m high amateur band vertical, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910, Dec 17 at 0600, 1 AM timecheck, ID only as La Voz de tu Conciencia, back to music, poor-fair. Would others logging this frequency please NOT refer to it as ``Alcarav·n Radio`` unless they axually announce as such. Also please note how to spell CONCIENCIA!

The other LVC, 6010, Dec 17 at 0602 different music with het and stronger; 0603 ID also as La Voz de tu Conciencia. 5910 tends to get desensitized by supersigs from WWCR 5890 & 5935 surrounding it. Sometimes they are super in the nightmiddle, sometimes not (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6010.195, HJDH La Voz de tu Conciencia, 1055 on December 13. Pop instrumental followed by martial music at the top of the hour. (I was sure this was going to be Belarus based on the music.) Man and woman went into announcements in Spanish, including ID "Escuchas de [sic] Voz de Conciencia" at 1105 and then into regional music that sounded a lot like Cuban music. Multiple ID's sprinkled throughout the programming in between songs. Fair to good signal with only slight fading and no interference (Jim Andrew (Houston, Texas) - Funcube Pro+ SDR Running SDR Console, SPR-4, 8 m tall amateur band vertical, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CQ, CQ, CQ; AquÌ Pedro F. Arrun·tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

5910.06, Alcarav·n Radio, Puerto Lleras; 16/12 0335-0410 44444 px religioso tambiÈn dan ID ìLa voz de tu Concienciaî no seÒal en // con 6010.00

6010.00, R. La Voz de tu Conciencia, Bogot·; 13/12 0240-0310 44444 px religioso rescate a su familia por fuerza de paz ID ìRadio La Voz de tu Conciencia.î [6010.00 is probably a default log, rather than a

precise measurement --- gh]

La recepciÛn la he efectuado del 23/11 al 16/12 en compaÒÌa de mi sabueso Icom IC R72 acompaÒado del Mizuho KX-3, MFJ-1025 con antena auxiliar, una antena de hilo largo de 12 metros y una antena loop. Muchos 128¥s PFA (CHASQUI DX PFA ñ DICIEMBRE 2014, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, GUATEMALA, PERU

** CONGO DR. Footprint 5066.329 kHz on Dec 11 at 1715 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX 13 Dec via DXLD)

Kinshasa, 5066.3, R. TÈlÈ Candip, Buina, 1940-2002, 11/12, dialecto local, texto, canÁ¹es; 35342. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. SIDNEY WALTERS THORPE PASSED AWAY.

Hi Glenn. Long time T.I.Q. Radio Casino in Puerto LimÛn, English language radio announcer and personal friend Sidney Walters Thorpe passed away last October 6 at age 94. He was born in 1920 in Guabito, Panam·. He became a iconic air personality since 1950 driving his late afternoon show from 5 to 6 p.m. called Shopping Time With Music Along The Way and then 10 to midnight with Musical Caravan.

Here's an insert from a local newspaper.

El locutor limonense, conocido por todas las generaciones y el cual laborÛ en Radio Casino por 55 aÒos, Sidney Walters Thorpe, muriÛ a los 94 aÒos en LimÛn. Walters, quien era una de las voces m·s conocidas y famosas de LimÛn, iniciÛ en la radio en 1950 creando el programa para hablantes de inglÈs en la provincia, el show principal tenÌa horario de 5 a 6 de la tarde, pero no solo a esto se dedicÛ don Sidney, tambiÈn trabajÛ en carpinterÌa, en las bananeras de la zona e incluso en el ferrocarril de LimÛn, donde construyÛ todos los muebles de los vagones tanto en el Caribe como los que habÌa en la Zona Sur -PÈrez ZeledÛn-.

Este carism·tico seÒor naciÛ en Guabito (hoy Panam·) cuando este sitio era a˙n territorio de Costa Rica en 1920. Cuando era niÒo sus padres se trasladaron a LimÛn, donde su pap· le enseÒÛ el oficio de los muebles, pero las ganas y el deseo de Walters eran m·s e iniciÛ su carrera de locutor en la centenaria Radio Casino de LimÛn, espacio en el que muchas generaciones escucharon su voz, pero por motivos de salud, dejÛ el programa en 2006 y se dedicÛ a negocios personales. (via Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, Dec 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD) obit. R Casino was on SW long ago, 5954 kHz (gh, ibid.)

** CUBA. 1000, Radio Granma, Manzanillo, 1155 to 1210 ìBuenos DÌas,

Radio Granmaî yl and om, ments de Manzanillo garbled ? by yl 13 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 9330, Thu Dec 11 at 0617, HM01 Spanish spy numbers mixed with digital bursts are already running and past 0632, VG signal; must have been the open carrier previous night, rather than WBCQ, which would get creamed if it were on. I thought the Numbers were after 0700 only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have noticed this apparent frequency change for HM01 to 9330 as well, Glenn: to summarize the TU, TH, SA broadcasts (formerly on 14375) from 05 UT to 07 UT seem to run on the following frequencies now:
05 UT -- 11462 (and MAYBE 14375, but latter not noticed in the past few time slots) AND
06 UT -- 9330 (I picked up first such broadcast on TU 12/9/14, and also noticed it again on 12/11/14 beginning around the top of the hour; I have also sent a message to the UDXF group run by Ary about this as well).

This apparently new use of 9330 may have begun as early as the start of December, but I can not be sure. I have noted that there has been no transmission on 14375 for awhile during the 06 UT hour as well as the 05 UT hour, and just happened to find the 9330 broadcast while scanning the 31 meter band just south of Global 24 at that time. I am trying to get confirmation as to whether or not 9330 is a definite change (as was the change to 11462 at 05 UT on Tu Th and Sa) -- perhaps Ary or Ivo can get back to you (or me) on this. In the meanwhile, I remain (Shawn From Flushing NY Fahrer, Dec 13, (the HM01 guy, since no one else that I know has claimed the title) signing off until next time, dxldyg via DXLD) which leads to this without credit:

Changes of Cuban Spy HM01 in 0600-0900 UT time slot:
0600-0651 NF 9330 UNID secret transmitter site Spanish Tue/Thu/Sat, ex 14375 confirmed on Dec 13, but not recorded today
0700-0751 NF 10345 UNID secret transmitter site Spanish Tue/Thu/Sat, ex 13435, video
0800-0851 on 11635 UNID secret transmitter site Spanish Tue/Thu/Sat, no signal, NF???
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/changes-of-cuban-spy-hm01-in-0600-0900.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire Dec 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CUBA. 9765-9815, Dec 13 at 0316, CRI English relay as always extremely strong, and splattering out plus/minus 25 kHz, but worst in the area out to 20 kHz from 9790, which is unacceptable. Modulation on

center frequency is somewhat distorted and whiny.

9850, Sunday Dec 14 at 1353, I tune in RHC to hear some enjoyable `Cuba Campesina` music, but it cuts off the air a few seconds later, tnx a lot! getting a head start on the QSY to 15370. So I tune that in by 1354 to find an open carrier, cuts off, then back on with modulation, then modulation off with carrier on, 1356 finally manages to run both at once and stay on for the tail of C.C. I notice that 9640 is still on, an echo apart, so from the other site.

11950, Dec 15 at 1450, RHC bring up Arnie to talk about the solar cycle for a couple of minutes. They do stick his stuff in at odd times during news magazines. I`m still wanting to have another look at their posted frequency schedule, but *still* as of 1623 UT Dec 16 we`re sidetracked from http://www.radiohc.cu to error message from ``Servicio de Alojamiento Web del Instituto Cubano de Radio y TelevisiÛn`` --- same as when last attempted 8 days ago, Dec 8!

11760, Dec 17 at 2003, I`m tuned to the first English broadcast of RHC following the 1700 UT speeches by Press. Obama & Castro about normalizing relations. Mentioned only briefly as top story in news but afterwards until 2020 plays complete Ra˙l speech with English voice-over. Unless I zoned out, there was *no* mention of the anonymous US spy released, and only one mention of Alan Gross --- it was all about The Cuban Three Fifths being released and rapprochement with the USA.

11950, Dec 17 at 2059, Cuban NA plays with CCI, Spanish music, and by 2107 talking about Los Cinco; still can`t reach RHC website for schedule, but WRTH 2015 reminds us that 11950 was originally in B-14 only at 12-14 and for Mesa Redonda at 00-01; in fact there isn`t supposed to be any Spanish between 19 and 22! Nothing on 17730, the Spanish-to-Europe frequency, so moved here, or another mistake? Or rather, 17730 not supposed to restart until 2200 in B-seasons.

At 2100, 11760 is already in French, while 11880 is dead air, but by 2108 both are French // (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. Will the jamming madness end? Will Marti close? Will the insane 710 and 1180 waste of transmitters cease? Maybe, not soon, but maybe (Brock Whaley, Ireland, Dec 17 for DXLD) Viz.:

WASHINGTON (AP) ó The United States and Cuba will start talks on normalizing full diplomatic relations, marking the most significant shift in U.S. policy toward the communist island in decades, American officials said Wednesday. The announcement comes amid a series of new confidence-building measures between the longtime foes, including the release of American Alan Gross and the freeing of three Cubans jailed

in the U.S.

President Barack Obama was to announce the policy changes from the White House at noon Wednesday. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, said the U.S. and Cuba were moving toward normalized banking and trade ties. He also said the U.S. was poised to open an embassy in Havana in the coming months (via Brock, dxldyg via DXLD)

Depends on what happens next. I predict eventually the jamming against MartÌ will end in the next 3 or 4 years. MartÌ will go off air or continue in another format. Radio Havana Cuba will also be history. You may remember back in the late 80s when the Soviets stopped jamming Radio Liberty, Radio Free Europe and VOA. It was not long after the USSR died as well as communism in Eastern Europe (Keith Perron, Taiwan, ibid.)

Maybe we can finally normalize postal service between the USA and Cuba. How many QSL's are sitting in piles of mail in Havana warehouses (Stephen Wood, Harwich, Mass., ibid.)

With today's political olive branch and directions to open an embassy in Havana, perhaps the Radio-Madness will curtail. It will be interesting to hear Cuban outlets on SW tonite (Paul S. FN31nl, ibid.)

The jamming of Radio Marti will almost certainly stop eventually, but is likely to continue while the final agreement between the two sides is negotiated. On the other hand, the jamming of Cuban exile programmes on WRMI will probably continue. Radio MartÌ will probably be closed down but not before the agreement is done and dusted. I don't, however, think it will last for as long as four years (unless the agreement is derailed for some reason). Radio Habana Cuba will probably continue for a few more years, as it is unlikely to feature in any US-Cuban agreement (from the US perspective it isn't a big enough irritation to worry about). (Roger Tidy, UK, ibid.)

Radio MartÌ was created by Congress through the 1983 US Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act, which guaranteed federal funding, and later empowered even further by the 1996 Helms-Burton Act -- neither of which can be overturned so easily by a presidential executive order. 73s (Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, Spain, ibid.)

I don't know if there are many such QSLs sitting in Havana warehouses (perhaps more of them are actually sitting in MIAMI knowing the amazing USPS and the anti-Castro Cuban Lobby as I do) -- but I am the proud owner of a QSL from RHC dated 05/09/1992 at 0410 UT when they were broadcasting in English on 11970 kHz (I unfortunately can't scan it as proof for the skeptical). Obviously, THAT ONE got through the embargo (such as it was back then).

Yes, folks, I WAS a DXer back then -- left for a long while and only picked it up a few years after I retired in 2008 just before the financial crisis hit. Now I call myself (Shawn From Flushing NY (the HM01 guy)

P S: Another question we COULD be asking is "What is the future of HM01, M08a, V02a, etc., which are alleged to originate from somewhere close to Havana?" Will it bite the dust or survive in some other form???? (Fahrer, ibid.)

Depending on how this pans out, three things will happen. Back in the late 80s when the relationship between the USSR and the US warmed up, the Soviets stopped jamming Radio Liberty, Radio Free Europe and the VOA. I would suspect the Cubans will stop the jamming of MartÌ. Not in the next few months, but sometime in the next 2 or 3 years. Perhaps less.

Radio Marti/TV themselves will either stop broadcasting altogether or re-define its role in the same way Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe did; otherwise they won't have a purpose. One thing is certain. Radio Havana Cuba's days are numbered. Radio Havana Cuba began May 1, 1961, eight months after the embargo started. Its mandate was to combat the US embargo of Cuba. Radio Havana Cuba's primary audience is only the US, while they do have broadcasts directed to Latin America, Caribbean, Europe and Middle East. These are seen as un-important. Just look at the block of time they have scheduled to the US. But even back in 1994 their audience was very low.

When I took over Mailbag a few months after I arrived, into the 5th week, it came clear they don't have what you would call real listeners. It was the same people week after week and month after month writing in. The then director of RHC Milagro Hern·ndez Cuba asked me to do an estimate of the size of its audience for its English Language Service. Well, being a pack rat. I keep copies of everything. Looking at it now for the dates of September to December period 1993: A total of 1172 letters came in. 87% of them were reception reports, 60% had listening times of between 10 to 20 minutes on average. 70% of the 1172 letters were also from the same 274 people. The head of the correspondence department was complaining to me last year how she has nothing to do anymore. She told me that they get less than 20 letters a month and an average 40 emails a month from mostly the same people. (Keith Perron, Taiwan, ex-RHC, ibid.)

The end of Radio MartÌ would almost certainly mean the closure of the Greenville-B transmitting facility. Not enough non-RM use to justify its continued operation. Plus the facility is now ancient by modern broadcasting standards (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

re Cuban QSL's, or HM01, M08a, V02a, --- The US Congress is called upon to make positive decisions in the future. Free DIRECT tourist traffic even for US Citizens into Cuba, free economic relations without restrictions and embargoes. Re task of restitution on occupied Guant·namo Bay naval base and secret torture camp to Cuba. I think, RHC will retain its importance as a Latin American voice on the MW and SW airwaves especially in Latin America. IBB, Radio MartÌ and VOA will go their further negative declining process, in global media influence (Wolfgang B¸schel, Alemania, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC won't; it's not their mandate. The area the Cubans will expand on when diplomatic relations are re-established is television.

And BTW Guant·namo is not occupied. The US pays rent for the land. It was the Cuban-American Treaty signed in 1903. It was re-signed in 1938. The current lease runs out in 2038. Only the US under the agreement can cancel the lease (Keith Perron, ibid.)

Yes I know, The lease provides $ 4,085 per year for 117.6 square kilometers, according to Wikipedia. But colonialism ends in IND, PAK, BGD in the 40ies, and mostly in Africa in the 50ties. Such a contract signed under a puppet government in 1898/1938 under Uncle Sam's pressure? wb

``and cold war on the Cuban island too, see Guantanamo occupation ... and since 1898 year occupied, and renting contract by 1903 year also US Navy camp at
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guantanamo_Bay_Naval_Base>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guantanamo_Bay_detention_camp>
The lease provides $ 4,085 per year for 117.6 square kilometers. But Castro Cuba does not accept any lease payment. (Dec 2003) (B¸schel, ibid.)

** CUBA [and non]. You may find my observations about BBC v VOA coverage of the Cuba developments interesting, if you are on Facebook. I have copied them here. With some comments from a couple of former VOA reporters:

Dan Robinson added 7 new photos. 38 mins Edited VOA v BBC on Cuba

As of mid-morning EST, BBC coverage of the major news on Cuba consisted of no fewer than SIX separate stories, including profiles, historical timelines, live rolling text feeds, and separate reports from BBC's Miami and State Departure bureaus, all featured prominently on both BBC front and USA sections. VOA has/had ONE ñ story, the Bug versus Ferrari in coverage.

VOA pales in comparison to Radio/TV Marti online coverage, which at least has a rotating photo series with several links. Seems VOA's repeated online coverage failures didn't make the lineup during Tuesday's comedy/skit event by management and employees at 330 Independence Avenue, called "The Follies". But then this kind of thing isn't really funny, is it? [see U S A]
Dan Robinson's photo. Dan Robinson's photo. Dan Robinson's photo. Dan Robinson's photo. Dan Robinson's photo. Like Share

Ravi Khanna: Pls. understand the difference, Dan. BBC is going to continue as it is both domestic as well as international. VOA is just working towards an eventual close down. Sad, but true! 19 mins Like

Dan Robinson: Exactly right -- sunset, to say the least. And to pre-empt the inevitable response from others in this group, that the BBC in doing this level of coverage is targeting USA/Canada audiences. Well, that doesn't even deserve a pre-response. BBC Gold Standard. VOA is business as usual. 17 mins Like

Ravi Khanna: It is just like in India. We have an institution called All India Radio. They broadcast for Indians and their External Services broadcast in 28 languages. AIR like BBC is forever. It will never close down. 11 mins Like

Victor Goonetilleke: The VOA let us down. This is a story that would have made us stay glued to VOA. When we remember the great events VOA brought us, it is indeed sad and disgusting to see what is happening to a great broadcaster of a great nation. On a personal note, I have always said that what happened today re US-Cuban relations, should have happened 20 years ago. 8 mins Like

(Facebook via Dan Robinson, Potomac, MD, DXLD)

IRAN vs CUBA: VIRI IRIB vs Radio Habana Cuba:
0000-0220 6060 ZAH 500 kW / 289 deg to NEAf Arabic VIRI IRIB
0000-0500 6060 HAB 100 kW / 010 deg to NEAm Spanish Radio Habana Cuba
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. Extended transmission of Radio Rep˙blica in 0300-0400 UT time slot:
0100-0400 9490 ISS 250 kW / 285 deg to Cuba Spanish, ex 0100-0300.
Video:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/extended-transmission-of-radio.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec 12, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DXLD)

No doubt he got this tip from my log report of Dec 7, but is so unwilling to acknowledge, as he distributes this to his large mailing

list, as if it were his own research, so I repeat it here:

``9490, Dec 7 at 0255, ID as ``Radio Rep˙blica, La Voz del Directorio Democr·tico Cubano``, and claiming schedule of ``de 8 a 11 de la noche`` = 01-04 UT. Now it`s way over jamming. Then citing articles of the Declaration of Human Rights (inapplicable to Commie Cuba, of course {altho RHC will pretend it does, Big Lie}); recheck 0318 it is still on and the jamming is heavier by comparison.

This transmission used to be only two hours long, and HFCC registered as 00-03, 250 kW, 285 degrees from Issoudun, FRANCE, but really expanded and shifted one UT hour later (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1751, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

** EAST TURKISTAN. 4980 tentative, China, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, Xinjiang 0000 to 0030 yl in language, 15 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15620, Dec 15 at 0617, very poor signal with flutter, playing ``Moscow Nights`` --- could it be V. of Russia, or rather R. Sputnik, finally back on SW? NO! 0620 clip in Chinese, then Italian, 0622 `Beautiful Dreamer``, more Italian with Chinese accent. So it`s only CRI as scheduled, 06-07, 500 kW, 294 degrees from Kashgar.

17615, Dec 15 at 0627, fair signal with heavy flutter, much like 15620, 0630 German; so this one is CRI, 500 kW, 308 degrees from Urumqi.

There`s a third much weaker signal on 17650, not doubt CRI Chinese via Kashgar, 500 kW, 308 degrees. Hardly any other signals on either band now, as the E.T. sites again penetrate far beyond their European targets even in the middle of our winter night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB, La Voz de los Andes, 1130 on December 13. Time pips at the bottom of the hour, then into Spanish and ID "HCJB, La Voz de los Andes" at 1130 followed by religious talks by a man. Good signal with only slight interference from Radio Nikkei on 6055. Low hum on signal - sounds like a close het (Jim Andrew (Houston, Texas) - Funcube Pro+ SDR Running SDR Console, SPR-4, 8 m tall amateur band vertical, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9860, Dec 13 0319, R. Cairo ``English to North America`` only presents suppressed, distorted JBM music, but VG signal level

9905, Dec 13 at 0319, R. Cairo, Qur`an also VG signal and loud somewhat distorted modulation, plus usual RTTY QRM

9965+, Dec 13 at 0320, R. Cairo, other Arabic service with ME vocal/orchestral music, whine, distortion, flutter, not loud (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R Arabic Cairo 02-07 UT, 9905.050 kHz and additional two spurious peaks of +/- 50/100 Hertz signals either sideband (Wolfgang B¸schel, A-DX, via DXLD) Date? Circa Dec 15

9965, Radio Cairo at 2323 with news, 2326 ID, music bridge and another program - Good strength but distorted audio, Dec 17 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN-1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at http://www.odxa.on.ca dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) presumably English. See also USA: Global 24, WRMI

** ETHIOPIA. 7233.7, Ethiopian B/Cast Corp. (Presumed) Geja-Jawe, Dec/11, 1332 AFAR? pooro-fair. This one presumed on this unique Frequency & programming fits. No ID heard and rough copy! Female announcer in presumed Afar language with news items & commentary. 1332 Tune In. Fanfare Musical Interlude at 1335. Male & female with commentary & news reports 1335-1358. Musical interludes between news items string/flute music. String music & talk over music 1358-1400 & OFF AIR at 1400. Can't see anybody else that would fit here (Rob Ross, London ON, Drake R8B + 180' RW, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 15515, R. Warra Wangeelaa (IRRS "Milano" via Tiganeshti, ROMANIA) *1458-1535+ 13 Dec. Random pop tune filler before IRRS trumpet theme & ID, then HOA bridge tune, Oromo program with ID, web address, speeches/chat, mention of www.uoece.org (Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches of Europe), Facebook/email addr. at gmail.com, IRRS closing info (ID, request for reports to the Milano POB addr.), trumpet theme and more random English programming (this time from what sounded like Wonder-Voice.com ("Wonderful World of Education & Teaching") past 1535 (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL606 'barefoot', DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Howdy Gents: A few pirates, including a couple of Euro's testing on the higher frequencies:

PIRATE-EURO. Sluwe Vos [Sly Fox]-Holland, 21455 AM, 1313-1340, 12-06-14, SIO: 343. Talking by OM announcer, shout outs to those posting on the hf underground in EE, playing "The Gambler" by Kenny Rogers, ID. Fading and gone by 1340. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Baltic Sea Radio, 17905.3 LSB, 1436-1440, 12-06-14, SIO: 232. Blues mx, ID with sea gull sounds. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Radio Magic, 15700 AM, 1651-1700*, 12-07-14. SIO: 131. Relay of DJ Colin Dickson's [?] Laser Hot Hits show, LHH IDs. Audio just even with the noise floor (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. 3959.92, 1420-1440 11.12, R Gramox, H‰meenkyrˆ. Nonstop Christmas Carols in English, German and Finnish, e.g. "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas" and "Oh Tannenbaum" 25232 (Anker Petersen, heard these stations on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, WB yg via DXLD)

FINL¬NDIA, 3960-BLI, R. Gramox, H‰meekyrˆ, 2307-..., 12/12, canÁıes; 34342, QRM adj. de sinal em DRM.

3960-AM idem, 2224-2241, 14/12, canÁıes natalÌcias, m˙sica pop'; 35343. Sinal em AM e isento de QRM! Junto gravaÁ„o. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. Hi everyone, Radio France management announced today that the station is facing a 20 million euro deficit. This means that some of the less important programmes, such as FIP and ´ Le Mouv' ª, may be scrapped in the near future but the most likely measure will be the closure of all AM transmitters (MW & LW). No date has been announced but as things stand no one knows if the transmitters will still be on the air on the 1st of January. 73s, (RÈmy Friess, France, Dec 12, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

** GERMANY. NDR is to close its four mediumwave transmitters on 13 January 2015; original report in German:
http://www.radioszene.de/75141/letztes-weihnachten-fuer-ndr-mittelwellen.html

and in English but not well translated - sorry::
https://translate.google.com/translate?
sl=auto&tl=en&js=y&prev=_t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.radioszene.de%2F75141
%2Fletztes-weihnachten-fuer-ndr-mittelwellen.html&edit-text=&act=url

The frequencies affected are:
Hamburg-Moorfleet (972 kHz)
Flensburg (702 kHz)
Lingen (792 kHz)
Hanover (828 kHz)

According to the above news from radioszene.de WDR, SR and BR also have plans about closing down their MW transmitters.
(via Ydun Ritz http://mediumwave.info/news.html 15 Dec 2014)
Posted by: (Alan Pennington, bdxc-uk yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

Members, Alan Pennington alerted me to the new entry in Mediumwave Info. I wish to thank Ydun for allowing me to relay the bad news. On 13 January 2015 NDR will close Flensburg 702 kHz, Lingen 792 kHz, Hanover 828 kHz, and Hamburg Moorfleet 972 kHz.

This will leave only 3 ARD broadcasters keeping MW - if you count Heusweiler 1179. The Bayern and WDR transmitters are still on although their future cannot be long-term after so many recent closures. 73 (Dan Goldfarb, Dec 16, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

NDR, Germany to close 4 MW transmitters on 13 Jan 2015

Thanks to Andrew Tett for this much clearer translation of the radioszene.de report about NDR's MW transmitter closures than the Google auto translation:

The network of public-service broadcasters in Germany - the ARD - is saying goodbye, bit-by-bit, to its Medium Wave transmitters. Only WDR, SR, BR and NDR still transmit their programs in this way and it has already been decided that transmissions in this band should be abandoned in favour of DAB+ in the near future. Now the NDR has announced when it will be shutting down its four transmitters.

While representatives of the Bayerischer Rundfunk let their feelings be known during the Munich media event that there is still no definite shut-down date for their two MW frequencies, the red button is pressed in the north: NDR wants to broadcast its ÑNDR Info Spezialì only digitally from 13 January 2015.

Currently NDR operates four transmitters on medium wave. In addition to the main station Hamburg-Moorfleet (972 kHz), these are Flensburg (702 kHz), Lingen (792 kHz) and Hanover (828 kHz). ÑNDR Info Spezialì transmits, besides parliamentary debates, the ÑARD Infonachtì and other occasional special programs and the shipping forecast. When ARD's plans were made known, in response to a decision of the KEF Licensing Body, to dispense with the medium wave transmitters, some sailors and navigators protested. The NDR made sure that the marine weather could be accessed via DAB+ and the Internet. Until the end of 2015, Deutschlandfunk's Neum¸nster transmitter (1269 kHz) will still broadcast nautical weather reports. Then this transmitter is also set to go silent for financial reasons, to pay for the DAB expansion.

Digital Radio will in the meanwhile be further expanded. The DAB network of NDR is still less strong than that of many of the other ARD stations: Not all regions of the NDR broadcasting areas are adequately covered. As a station spokesman told RADIO SCENE, they would discuss in the course of next year further expansion from the Broadcasting House in Hamburg.

Before NDR finally closes the rich in tradition chapter of the medium wave broadcasting in Northern Germany, ÑGrufl an Bordì ("Greeting on Board"), the greeting and Christmas broadcast will be transmitted to mariners around the world. It will also be aired for four hours on the medium wave, and also on several shortwave frequencies (via BDXC_UK yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. UNIDentified station with music and test tone:
1605-1620 on 6070 probably via Goehren. Videos on Dec.12:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/unidentified-station-with-music-and.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire Dec 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

December 12:
UNID music test 1608 on 6070 probably via Goehren
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWNEeUMUHcQ&feature=youtu.be

UNID music test 1612 on 6070 probably via Goehren
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xj0fzMz4flo&feature=youtu.be

UNID music test 1616 on 6070 probably via Goehren
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqf1V5-jvzo&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I heard its station identification as ""Your station, Radio Channel 292, free and independent radio" at 1545 UT on Dec 12 via SDR of University of Twente.

http://userdisk.webry.biglobe.ne.jp/025/213/56/
N000/000/004/141851051150826033178_6070_Channel292_12Dec2014_1545UTC.mp3
http://www.radio-6150.de/english/
(Masahiro Hihara, dxldyg via DXLD)

The new station with Christmas Music replaced Radio Channel 292:
0000-2400 NF 6115.1 ROB 2.5 kW / non-dir to CeEu Music, ex 6070.
Videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83UzHPEhlV0&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHf92EYd_pA&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SF4cHfoCeI&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LK7ibVxwi4&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-Iz77MIHZo&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRKuMOMvir8&feature=youtu.be
Open carrier, dead air in 0700-1400 UT time slot on Dec 15 (DX RE MIX NEWS #885 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Dec. 16, 2014, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. December 11:

Christmas Musician Station to CeEu 1700 on new 6115 Rohrbach, ex Channel 292 on 6070
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83UzHPEhlV0&feature=youtu.be

Christmas Musician Station to CeEu 2000 on new 6115 Rohrbach, ex Channel 292 on 6070
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHf92EYd_pA&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

December 13:
Christmas Musician Station to CeEu 1705 on new 6115 Rohrbach, ex Channel 292 on 6070
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SF4cHfoCeI&feature=youtu.be

Christmas Musician Station to CeEu 1708 on new 6115 Rohrbach, ex Channel 292 on 6070
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LK7ibVxwi4&feature=youtu.be

Christmas Musician Station to CeEu 1749 on new 6115 Rohrbach, ex Channel 292 on 6070
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-Iz77MIHZo&feature=youtu.be

Christmas Musician Station to CeEu 1831 on new 6115 Rohrbach, ex Channel 292 on 6070
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRKuMOMvir8&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MartedÏ 16 dicembre 2014 (VR5000): 0742 - 6070 kHz, prob. Rˆhrbach (D) riattivata. Musica leggera tedesca. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente

0743 - 6115 kHz, Musica classica e natalizia. Per me Ë un tx europeo. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente

0744 - 6150 kHz, EUROPA 24 - Datteln (D), Disco music. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente (SWL I1-0799GE, Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, G.C. 44 21' 06.89" N / 09 13' 30.94" E, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. December 14: Hamburgerlokal Radio relay Radio Tropicana in Spanish to CeEu 1500 on 9485 CUSB Goehren
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDpWwrVoi2A&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. DW DIRECTOR LIMBOURG PROPOSES RADICAL AXINGS

DW director Peter Limbourg proposes drastical cuts in case the Deutsche Welle budget will not be increased: Abolishing ten radio/online languages (some sources say "up to"; ten ones would leave

little if nothing besides English) as well as linear TV in German, Arabic and Spanish. The head of the DW works committee says that Limbourg has crossed the red line and asks "not yet" for his withdrawal. Today a demonstration will take place in front of "open this gate" at Berlin.
http://www.wwwagner.tv/?p=26233

More reading in German, also about the ongoing controversy about Limbourg starting a cooperation of DW with CCTV:

http://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/deutschland/peter-limbourg-unmut-in-der-politik-ueber-deutsche-welle-chef-seite-all/11117546-all.html

http://www.tagesspiegel.de/medien/austritt-und-eintritte-bei-reporter-ohne-grenzen-redakteure-der-deutschen-welle-stellen-sich-gegen-intendant-limbourg/11089486.html

http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/meldung-markt-und-medien.763.de.html?drn:news_id=428985
(Kai Ludiwg, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Chinese service of DW is again under severe fire, this time due to a controversial cooperation with CCTV and the firing of a freelancer. One of a number of media reports:
http://www.ndr.de/fernsehen/sendungen/zapp/Umstritten-China-Politik-der-Deutschen-Welle,deutschewelle132.html

And a response by DW:
http://www.dw.de/klare-linie-unabh%C3%A4ngigkeit-und-dialog/a-17969506

A number of freelancer positions at DW are to go, much unrest is around (with the wildest speculations already projecting a complete closure of the Bonn seat), increasingly resulting in open self-censorship (the descriptions read like stuff one would have believed to be out of fashion in Germany since 25 years):
http://www.taz.de/1/archiv/digitaz/artikel/?ressort=fl&dig=2014%2F09%2F02%2Fa0112&cHash=341c44c8754f6bad9a9c91c67f9fd88e

A summary of the current situation:
http://www.rundschau-online.de/aus-aller-welt/intendant-in-der-kritik-druck-auf-die-deutsche-welle,15184900,28584386.html
Posted by: (Kai Ludwig, Dec 15, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

Has there been any more specific news about the future of DW on shortwave? When the big DW cuts were made in 2011 it sounded as if the remaining shortwave output would be completely gone by 2015. We saw a number of cuts for B-14. Is the end of DW on SW near? (Stephen Luce,

Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DXLD)

Not within the current "give us more money or we'll kill this puppy" spectacle. It is, as mentioned, focussed on a possible closure of linear TV in German, Arabic and Spanish and a closure of ten or "up to ten" of the language services produced at Bonn (apparently including online-only services, here the situation is unclear in as far as a number of them were to be closed anyway).

Outside the current show-down what has already been planned for the period until 2017: Closure of the Kigali station, keeping shortwave in particular for Afghanistan and Africa while adjusting to the continuing shrinkage of the use (i.e. further cutting back the transmission volume), focussing the English radio programming to audiences in Africa because its use elsewhere has largely diminished (in general, i.e. any distribution platform considered).

http://www.dw.de/popups/pdf/39314138/die-aufgabenplanung.pdf
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

Tuesday, December 16, 2014
Changes of Deutsche Welle from December 20

GERMANY(non) Changes of Deutsche Welle effective from December 20:
0400-0500 on 7425 KIG 250 kW / 180 deg to EaAf English, cancelled
0500-0600 on 7425 KIG 250 kW / 180 deg to SoAf English, cancelled
0630-0700 NF 15275 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa, ex 12005
0700-0800 on 12005 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English, cancelled
1300-1400 on 12005 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa, cancelled
1600-1700 on 15410 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to EaAf Amharic, cancelled
1800-1900 on 12005 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa, cancelled
1800-1900 NF 15560 ISS 500 kW / 175 deg to WeAf Hausa, ex 11850
(Ivo Ivanov, Dec 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. NDR "Gruss an Bord" Dec 24, 2014 - 1905-2300 UT
single day operation

AUSTRIA/FRANCE/GERMANY Empfang auf allen Weltmeeren -
"Gruss an Bord" auch wieder ueber Kurzwelle -

Mittwoch, 24. Dezember 2014 - 20.05 bis 22.00 Uhr MEZ CET,
NDR Info / 21.00 bis 22.00 Uhr MEZ CET, NDR 90.3 MHz /
23.05 bis 24.00 Uhr MEZ CET, NDR Info Spezial und ueber Kurzwelle.

Seit Weihnachten 1953 bildet die NDR-Sendung "Gruss an Bord" eine Bruecke zwischen den Seeleuten auf den Meeren und ihren Angehoerigen in Deutschland:

Seeleute schicken Gruesse in die Heimat, ihre Familien haben die Moeglichkeit, ihren Lieben auf hoher See ein frohes Fest und ein gutes, neues Jahr zu wuenschen.

Damit die Besatzungen die Traditionssendung auch auf allen Weltmeeren empfangen koennen, hat der NDR-Hoerfunk eigens fuer Heiligabend zusaetzlich Kurzwellen-Frequenzen angemietet.

1905-2100 Uhr UT GMT / 20:05-22:00 Uhr MEZ CET

FREQUENZ ZIELGEBIET Sender kW Azimuth
6125 Atlantik - Nord MBR Nauen 125 250
9685 Indischer Ozean - West MBR Nauen 125 130
9925 Atlantik/Indischer Ozean (SoAF) TDF Issoudun 250 156
11650 Atlantik - Sued TDF Issoudun 250 195
11800 Indischer Ozean - Ost ORS Moosbrunn 100 115

6125 1900-2100 27,80,36,81,11 NAU 125 250 0 216 4 241214 Mul D MBR
9685 1900-2100 48,53,41,79 NAU 125 130 0 216 4 241214 Mul D MBR
9925 1900-2100 57,53,48,79 ISS 250 156 0 217 4 241214 Mul F MBR
11650 1900-2100 13,46,15,66,52,57 ISS 250 195 0 217 4 241214 Mul F MBR
11800 1900-2100 41,49,54,79,58 MOS 100 115 30 218 4 241214 Mul AUT MBR

2105-2300 Uhr UT GMT / 22:05-24:00 Uhr MEZ CET

FREQUENZ ZIELGEBIET Sender kW Azimuth
6040 Atlantik - Nord MBR Nauen 125 250
9515 Indischer Ozean - West MBR Nauen 125 130
9765 Indischer Ozean - Ost ORS Moosbrunn 100 115
9880 Atlantik - Sued TDF Issoudun 250 195
9925 Atlantik/Indischer Ozean (SoAF) TDF Issoudun 250 156

6040 2100-2300 27,80,36,81,11 NAU 125 250 0 216 4 241214 Mul D MBR
9515 2100-2300 48,53,41,79 NAU 125 130 0 216 4 241214 Mul D MBR
9765 2100-2300 41,49,54,79,58 MOS 100 115 30 218 4 241214 Mul AUT MBR
9880 2100-2300 13,46,15,66,52,57 ISS 250 195 0 217 4 241214 Mul F MBR
9925 2100-2300 57,53,48,79 ISS 250 156 0 217 4 241214 Mul F MBR

(Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

Die Redaktion nimmt auch weiterhin Grusswuensche per Mail und per Brief entgegen - <gruss-an-bord -at- ndr.de>
oder per Post:
Norddeutscher Rundfunk, NDR Info, Redaktion "Gruss an Bord", Rothenbaumchaussee 132-134, 20149 Hamburg, Germany.

Diese Gruesse werden am 24. Dezember von 23.05 Uhr MEZ bis Mitternacht

auf NDR Info Spezial und ueber die extra angemietete Kurzwellenfrequenzen verlesen.

NDR Info und NDR 90.3 MHz sind ueber UKW, DAB+, DVB-S Radio und das Internet zu empfangen; NDR Info Spezial wird zusaetzlich ueber die Mittelwellenfrequenzen Flensburg 702 kHz, Hamburg 972 kHz, Hannover 828 kHz, Lingen 792 kHz verbreitet.
(NDR via Ralf Mittelstaedt DM7RM, Nov 13)
Posted by: (Wolfgang Bueschel_DF5SX, IBID.)

** GOA. 7250, INDIA, AIR Panaji, 1825z upbeat subcontinental vocal music. Nice signal, brief announcement by man in Hindi 1829z, upbeat drum music. Sign off 1830*. I have been spending some time on Global Tuners lately. It is amazing what one can hear! (Steven Wiseblood, AB5GP, using Western Australia, Port Hedland Global Tuner 12/16/2014, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Greek Pirate, schoene Musik, wer's mag, gleich fundamental und 2 Harmonische: 1610.83, 3221.66 und 4832.49 kHz, um 0030 UT am 7. Dec (Wolfgang B¸schel, (Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX 13 Dec via DXLD)

** GREECE. 9935, Dec 14 at 0226, ERTOpen is on tonight, but with humwhine in Greek, while // 9420 is OK. I seldom wait for a definite ID on these, but I see someone recently reported 9935 as the Macedonian station, which I think has been gone from SW for over a year, right? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERTOpen happily back --- I've been missing ERTOpen on 9420 kHz, a better frequency here in Eastern Newfoundland than their 9935, and certainly *far* better than their 15xxx fq. This afternoon at 4:45 pm local (2015 UT) I am hearing them strong and firm on 9420. (Philip Hiscock, Dec 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. CQ, CQ, CQ; AquÌ Pedro F. Arrun·tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

4054.98, GUATEMALA, R. Verdad, Chiquimula; 6/12 1040-1106 33333 px religiosos en inglÈs mx himno religioso ID en inglÈs y espaÒol ìRadio Verdad desde Chiquimula, Guatemalaî.

La recepciÛn la he efectuado del 23/11 al 16/12 en compaÒÌa de mi sabueso Icom IC R72 acompaÒado del Mizuho KX-3, MFJ-1025 con antena auxiliar, una antena de hilo largo de 12 metros y una antena loop. Muchos 128¥s PFA (CHASQUI DX PFA ñ DICIEMBRE 2014, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, PERU

** HAWAII. OF SPECIAL INTEREST: 1240, KEWE, HI, Kahului is on the air with Gospel music, ìThe Spirit of Maui.î CP for 5 kW, but currently running 1 Kw according to a Scandinavian DXer I got an e-mail from. I tried tonight, but not heard as yet here on the coast. PO Box 1437, Wailuku HI 96793. They also have an FM and a website. The first GYer Hawaii has had since the 60s when KTOH moved from 1490 to 1350 kHz. This should be a good challenge for even the DXer on the West Coast. But once they boost to 5 kW, it should be easier when conditions are decent. The station was logged by a DXer in Finland already. It came on Nov 22nd (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA DX Monitor Dec 13 via DXLD)

** INDIA [and non]. Re: [dxld] Radio Pakistan launches programmes on new digital transmitter

Has this power increase of Nagpur 585 kHz been officially coordinated through the ITU? If not it would be a non-interference basis, i.e. would have to be retracted in the case of interference complaints. And in this case such a complaint from Islamabad would be a highly political issue since, as well known, Pakistan and India are not exactly friends.

By the way, what about 1566 kHz at Nagpur? It appears that it is no longer being run with anything close to the nominal 1000 kW. Could be a situation similar to Rajkot 1071 kHz where 1000 kW equipment from Radioindustry Zagreb had been inaugurated in 1971, being used only with much reduced power anymore from 1994 and given up altogether in 2003. In 2012 the outlet had been revived with 3 x S7HP transmitter blocks*) and the results in Europe were at times spectacular, with the transmitter at times even being audible for car radios, like it was the case at night (during the break of the now completely closed Czechoslovak and French transmitters) in the seventies.

*) See the last two pictures in the slide show at http://www.becil.com/Error.html?aspxerrorpath=/TamplateHolder.aspx (Kai Ludwig, Dec 13, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. All India Radio, 4920 at 1530 UT Dec 8/14 with The News at 9. Poor (Mick Delmage, at Moman antenna farm near Lamont, AB, Perseus SDR with many antenna choices, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525.9, VoI Jakarta; Woman in English with announcements 1925z, talk of investment in Indonesia; ID 1927z, gave mailing address. ìIndonesian Arts and Cultureî 1928z. I have been spending some time on Global Tuners lately. It is amazing what one can hear! (Steven Wiseblood, AB5GP, using Receiver: VR2HF's **Hong Kong DX** Global Tuner 12/16/2014, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Twin Cities developer creates 'shortwave radio' app for world news - TwinCities.com Shared link: http://www.twincities.com/technology/ci_27126299/new-app-creates-smartphone-shortwave-radio-world-news

Interesting how the "shortwave" analogy is used; even though few of the likely users have ever been near a shortwave radio (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, 14 Dec, internetradio via DXLD)

I`m curious to see if the app gets any traction. It`s a crowded world for radio apps these days.

Searching for `radio news` doesn`t bring it up in the top 100 yet. I did find searching for 1radio. It does have a decent rating at 4.4 and about 1,000 downloads so far. The `pro` version goes for $2 and has 10 (ten) downloads so far.

It isn`t clear if it is associated in any way with the 1radio aggregator which has a number of music stations including Sinatra, Dance, and others. (Aside: the streams for stations at 1radio.mobi are still alive and you can find them on Shoutcast but the web site seems to be offline.)

All of which brings me to another not direct point that it has always baffled me that directory services such as vTuner, Reciva, Shoutcast etc. have never been able to produce a competitive app. At least for Shoutcast there are functional apps by XiiaLive and L337Tech. (Rob de Santos, ibid.) See also RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET & VACUUM. 'Malnourished minds': Why it matters that 4.4 billion people don't have internet
CNN December 11, 2014 [eventually about Outernet] . . .
http://edition.cnn.com/2014/12/11/tech/internet-for-everyone/
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAN. 7325, V Justice (VoIRI) with IS and s/on with ID and anthem, then another ID and sked, the reading a verse of the Kor`an and a translation of that verse in English, into News at BoH. They pretend they are still on 11780 & 13650 though instead of the B-14 frequencies. This channel best, 44+4+4+4 but // 9710 4+3+553, 0322-0335 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

9710, Dec 13 at 0321, IRIB IS is VG with flutter; just came on and I can barely tell if RHC is still on under it as usual. // 7325 in the clear running 3 seconds behind 9710. 0323 ID only as ``This is the Voice of Justice`` and into NA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change of VIRI IRIB: 1323-1420 NF 9580 SIR 500 kW / 060 deg to EaAs Japanese, ex 9585//11600KAM. Video: http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/frequency-change-of-viri-irib.html -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, Dec 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

So now it will collide with R. Australia on 9580 (gh, DXLD)

Logs 13/12/14 With Lowe HF150/8 m: 15185 on 0812, spur of 15250 with very garbled audio IRIB in German. Also spur on 15315. Audio on 15250 is clear (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) +/- 65 kHz

** JAPAN [non]. 11925, Dec 17 at 1425, NHK via PALAU, soft piano jazz fill, vs ACI from 11930 Cuban jamming; 1427 plug essay contest, ``How Radio Japan changed my life``, deadline Dec 24; see website for details (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KALININGRAD [and non]. Mauno via WRTH Facebook Group has reported that although the 1431 KCH Grigoriopol coverage of Vesti FM beamed to Crimea continues, the use of the 1200 kW facilities at Armavir / Tbilliskaya - 1089 and Kaliningrad / Bolshakovo 1215 has possibly stopped.

1215 kHz has indeed been turned off, probably effective Dec 1st. I have not seen definite reports concerning 1089 kHz so far; I can't hear it anymore either, but this not ultimately proves that it is indeed gone.

``I suspect that the cost of these super power sites under Russia's current circumstances pushed the Kremlin to making this economic decision.``

It's a bit more complicated since also in Russia it is not done with An Order by The Kremlin. Someone has to pay real cash from a real budget there, too.

And here the question is who this "someone" is in this case. It looks as if it was not VGTRK, the promoter of Vesti FM. At least Vesti FM apparently did not know about these mediumwave relays at all. Reportedly a listener call-in from somewhere outside Russia went: "You listen online?" --- "No, via mediumwave." --- "???"

Speculations go to the military side. This is not as far-fetched as it seems. Efforts are already being made by RTRS (the transmitter operator) to get money from the defence budget to restore shortwave and probably also longwave services, after it has been declared as desirable to keep the transmission facilities alive. RTRS is already making losses and cannot spend indefinitely own money on maintaining

equipment that does not produce any incomes anymore.

As well-known, these attempts lead to nothing so far. And Rossiya Segodnya again made it clear on the relaunch of former Voice of Russia as Radio Sputnik that they do not intend to spend a single kopeck on AM broadcasting. Thus it is quite possible that no AM signal whatsoever will again come out of the Bolshakovo facilities anymore (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 13, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. COREIA DO NORTE, 2850, Emissora Central da Coreia, Pionguiangue, 2209-2219, 14/12, texto, coro; 25331. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. LIB…RIA, 4760 ELWA, MonrÛvia, 2246-2258, 12/12, canÁıes relig.; 35433. // 6050.

6050 idem, 2247-..., 12/12, canÁıes; 32431, QRM da CHINA, // 4760 com sinal incompar‡velmente melhor. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4760.0, ELWA, 0550 UT, Dec 15, \\ 6050 stronger S=7 or -88dBm (Wolfgang B¸schel, A-DX, via DXLD)

4760, ELWA presumed at 2307 with several recognizable Christmas carols, ìO Holy Nightî, ìHark the Herald Angelsî, ìEmmanuelî; male speaker briefly at 2312, but too weak to understand - Very weak Dec 17 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN-1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 6135.00, 1350-1405 11.12, R Madagasikara, Ambohidrano, Malagasy talk and music, 1400 music and ID: "Radio Madagasikara" 25232 (Anker Petersen, heard these stations on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, WB yg via DXLD)

** MALI. 5995, R. Mali, Kati, 2307-..., 14/12, frrancÍs, programa de m˙sica do Mali "Le Mali en Musique"; 55433, modulaÁ„o quase razo·vel, digamos. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. VOLVI” AL AIRE UNA EMISORA DE ONDA MEDIA EN M…XICO
by gruporadioescuchaargentino

Para darle continuidad a la evangelizaciÛn a travÈs de los medios de comunicaciÛn, se reinaugurÛ la frecuencia de Radio MarÌa MÈrida, que vuelve al aire con programas que apuestan por la promociÛn de los valores y la palabra de Dios.

OficiÛ la misa de apertura el Arzobispo de Yucat·n, Emilio Carlos

Berlie Belaunzar·n, quien bendijo esta nueva etapa de la frecuencia.

Las transmisiones iniciaron en el 680 amplitud modulada. Con la celebraciÛn eucarÌstica y el corte del listÛn en las renovadas instalaciones, participaron Eduviges Alonso, presidenta de Radio MarÌa MÈxico; Irene S·nchez, presidenta de la FundaciÛn Cultural para la Sociedad MÈxicana (benefactora de Radio MarÌa), y Eduardo ¡valos, coordinador de Radio MarÌa en MÈrida.

Este proyecto cuenta con una programaciÛn para toda la familia, con tÛpicos como oraciÛn y espiritualidad, m˙sica, formaciÛn integral, guÌa para padres de familia, jÛvenes. TambiÈn ofrece sano entretenimiento.

En MÈrida comenzÛ el desarrollo de esta iniciativa el 8 de septiembre de 2007, se inaugurÛ por la frecuencia de 930 de AM, para suplir la anterior de 760 de AM; tuvo una etapa por internet y ayer en el marco de la solemnidad de la Inmaculada ConcepciÛn regresÛ al aire, ahora en el 680 de AM, con una transmisiÛn de 6:00 a 22:00 horas.

Radio MarÌa naciÛ a nivel internacional en 1983 en una parroquia de la provincia de Como, diÛcesis de Mil·n, Italia, y se propone el objetivo de difundir el mensaje evangÈlico en comuniÛn con la doctrina y las indicaciones pastorales de la Iglesia CatÛlica y en fidelidad al Santo Padre, donde se utilizÛ todas las posibilidades ofrecidas por el medio radiofÛnico.

Actualmente este proyecto tiene presencia en m·s de 70 paÌses y cada dÌa se dirige a millones de radioyentes. Cada sede de Radio MarÌa en el mundo genera su propia programaciÛn con sus propios recursos.

Esta propuesta de promociÛn de valores a travÈs de la radio se sostiene con donativos que cada sede procura a travÈs de eventos o difundiendo la causa entre la diÛcesis en la que se ubica.

Se invitÛ a los catÛlicos apoyar para que contin˙e la labor. Para conocer su programaciÛn y saber cÛmo ayudar a esta iniciativa, los interesados pueden consultar su p·gina de Facebook o el sitio http://www.radiomariamexico.com (tomada de SIPSE) (via GRA blog via DXLD)

The Catholix really got bumped around this market, finally landing on 680, which had been listed by IRCA as: XEPY, Retro 103 // 103.1, 2.5/1 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 900, Dec 15 at 0646, noise peaks NE/SW, presumed the open FM STL still being retransmitted on AM from XEDT, Ciudad CuauhtÈmoc, Chihuahua (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. For the past couple of nights I'd noted a signal on the high side of 1060 in Spanish and since XEEP was also noted as usual and since KIJN had been noted running all night earlier in the season, I didn't pay any attention to it. Last night it was quite strong and certainly didn't sound like religious Spanish programming, and wasn't XEEP so I paid more attention to it. My Perseus measured the frequency as 1060.076.

At 0400 UTC I recorded a nice ID with calls and "La Raza" slogan and 7000 watts mentioned and an address in Reynosa.

There's some differences in where this is actually located shown on various sites, but this site says Reynosa.
http://www.mpm.com.mx/?r=radio/view&id=9736003F-3B3B-A79A-8618-7CCA15F69578

Anyhow, their move from 1450 licensed to Matamoros is complete and I expect this station to be widely heard. 73 KAZ Barrington IL Perseus and Phased DKAZ antennas with the beam steered about WSW.``
(Neil Kazaross, IL, Dec 17, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIOI 1752, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6185, Radio EducaciÛn, MÈxico D. F. 0500 to 0503 Radio Education ID repeated three times 16 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) You mean, ID in English? That does occur (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. Channel A2, analog NTSC, Dec 15 at 0007 UT, my countless hours of watching snow on my TV set, at least peripherally, finally pay off with two brief fade-ins of sporadic E TV DX, the first in a few months. Antenna is aimed south, where it stays with rotor out of service. Fortunately, immediately recognizable is the big 7 bug in the upper right, meaning Azteca 7 net from MÈxico. And in all probability it is the usual XHTAU from Tampico, Tamaulipas, not converted yet to digital on some other channel. Animation is running. Fades out and back in at 0011 UT briefly. One might assume meteor scatter from Geminids, but these were a lot longer than pings. Others reported Es at the same time, such as Pat Dyer, WA5IYX in San Antonio (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Cerro Burro. It's confusing. So I made a map to show you just how confusing it is. Only sixty air miles separate Uruapan from Morelia, and in this frame there are 11 television stations excluding shadows: four on Cerro Burro, five in Morelia and two in Uruapan.

Of the two Uruapan stations, one is unbuilt (XHOPUM-TDT 44) and one is on (XHURU-10, state network). Both are/will duplicate Morelia stations (XHOPMO-44/TDT 45 and XHMOR-2).

The four stations on Cerro Burro are "licensed" to three different cities. XHURT-5 and XHBG-13 are in Uruapan. XHCBM-8 (Azteca) is in P·tzcuaro. XHMOW-21 is in Morelia, and it is Mexico's most powerful television station with an ERP of 3,829 kW. (XHMOW-TDT is set for 338 kW, which is a pretty high number for Mexican DTVs; the VHF stations on the mountain are 100, 265 and 325 kW respectively, also very high). This should explain why it is so powerful ó it is serving two metro areas from a mountain at nearly 11,000 feet high.

In Morelia are two other (local) Televisa outlets, XHFX-4 and XHKW-10, which broadcast from locally-owned facilities, as well as Azteca's XHBUR-39. Confused? XHBUR is not on Cerro Burro. Nope. It's actually on Morelia's northwest edge (which is higher in elevation). The callsign is actually incorrect here in regard to hinting at the station's location. I would imagine it was moved at some point.

TV "markets" are fluid in Mexico because there's not much local to really define them. Only XHURT and XHKW duplicate each other among the commercial stations. I believe XHBUR (at 2,000 kW) might reach Uruapan enough to be seen there. It's amazingly confusing (Raymie Humbert, Dec 12, Raymie`s Mexico Beat, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

** MOLDOVA. Memoirs of a President of the Radio and Television MSSR S. Lozana. It is finished !!!! It has long been aware of the plans of the author and was looking forward to this book. I will say more - at some stage even involve some of my participation / promotion, but for some reason fate decreed otherwise. But most importantly - the book was published. Swallowed in the same breath. I will more carefully reread. Frankly, even more admired author thanks to his distinct civil and existential position. It is recommended to familiarize interested in the history of the Moldovan radio / TV and not only ...
Stepan Loza - "A man of his era - 1"
http://www.proza.ru/2014/09/09/1167
(Leon, Moldova / "open_dx" via Rus DX 14 Dec via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 7260, Tentative, Mongolian Radio, Ulan Bataar Khonhor, distorted audio quality, usually MR footprint on lower odd frequency, at 0712 UT S=9 in JPN, probably - I guess not assumed co-channel XJBS PBS Xinjiang from Urumqi on even 7260 kHz, latter too westerly. But not sure (Wolfgang B¸schel, Dec 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 171, Medi 1, 0043 om in Arabic, 0044 music 0052, vocalist at 0102 instrumental music with vocalist; 0500 recheck still there 16 December. 0021 om yl discussion, music at 0024 Arabic vocal, yl at 0027 on 19 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. BURMA logs Dec 8:

5915.000 BUR MRMS Myanmar Radio, Naypyidaw, powerful.
5985.238 BUR Yangoon Yegu, audio not clean, scratchy signal,
final stage tube fault?
6164.993 BUR Thazin Radio, Pyin Oo Lwin, Myanmar.
7200v BUR Yangoon Yegu, not on air at 1139 UT Dec 8.
7344.993 BUR Thazin Radio, Pyin Oo Lwin. S=9+35dB powerful. 1139 UT Dec 8. Log of remote SDR unit in eastern Thailand from 1100 UT on Dec 8th, 2014 (Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX 13 Dec via DXLD)

Dec 14, found Myanmar again on 5985.00, from 1306 and subsequent checking, with 5985.23 being silent (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7200.0, Dec 12 at 1354, very poor signal with music, right on frequency as far as I can tell, tho on Dec 1 at 1420, Wolfgang B¸schel had measured Myanmar on 7200.104. Sudan has reactivated 7200 but it supposedly does not start until 1430, and the only other user of this band-edge channel, Iran, is not on until later. This signal serves as BFO for some N American hams, but not enough (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BIRM¬NIA, 5985.3, Myanma R, Naypyidaw, 12/12, birmanÍs, m˙sica, programa em inglÍs; 34432, QRM pelas 1530. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7200.106, Odd frequency of Myanmar Radio Yangoo Yegu, S=7 or -82dBm signal, modern young lady pop music singer on Dec 13 at 0030 UT.

5915.0, Naypyidaw, and 5985.272 kHz Yangoon Yegu seemingly same program. 6165 kHz Unid ?Thazin Radio? program from northern bcasting center at Phin Oo Lwin, at same time slot.

Now at 14 UT only single 5985.000 kHz Yangoon Yegu on air, no odd frequency unit anymore today (Wolfgang B¸schel, Dec 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5985.0 (or very close), Myanma Radio (Yangon) 1455-1545+ 12-17 Dec. Myanma Radio doing well lately with "tradional" & modern Burmese pop, radio drama (13 Dec.), "MR" jingles, quick ID in Burmese at TOH. English program opens at 1530 with chimes & "Good evening (dear/our?) listeners, this is Myanma Radio, 5985 kiloHertz, 51.3 metres, 9730 kiloHertz", news headlines & in detail, weather (partly cloudy in Naypyidaw 17 Dec.), review of main points "and that is the end of the news from Myanma Radio", National Solidarity/Union promo, children's health PSA (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL606 'barefoot', DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEPAL. Radio Nepal website has a new URL, superseding the one cited

in WRTH:
http://www.radionepal.gov.np
(David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Dec 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

Yes, since May 2013:
http://dxersguide.blogspot.in/2013/05/radio-nepal-re-launches-its-website.html
-- (Alokesh Gupta, ibid.)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. 2598/USB, VON St John's Radio Marine weather and ID at s/off as "St John's Radio, Out". Fair 0008-0013* 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

2598-USB, Canada VCP4 Placentia, Newfoundland, 0055 ìthis is Placentia, outî 16 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2598-USB, Canada, VCM, St. Anthony, Newfoundland, 0107 ìAll stations, this is St. Anthonyì 16 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND [non]. 11725, Dec 15 at 0616, no signal from RNZI; must surely be off, or on some wrong frequency, but this time not on 9700 either, only Turkey. Meanwhile, R. Australia is in well on 11945 good, 12080 poor, 13630 very good, 15240 fair.

24 hours later: 11725, Dec 16 at 0645, RNZI is back on with VG signal. Are all these anomalies due to technical problems in the transmitters, or due to inept management of the computer-controlled programming? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. NIG…RIA, 6089.9, R. NigÈria, Kaduna, 2218-..., 13/12, dialecto local, programa de propaganda religiosa cor,nica; 44433, soremodulada, ·udio de m· qualidade. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] Kaduna fight against Anguilla sermon lady reader on 6089.858 kHz (Wolfgang B¸schel, circa 0600 UT Dec 15, A-DX, via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 15120 am mode, French program from Nigeria, even frequency probably Abuja site, in French S=9+40dB, proper signal into Germany, around 0715-0725 UT Dec 15, but noted also some 10x spurious whimper sound signal peaks of 793 Hertz distance apart each - even in pause break of talk / spoken parts (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE-NA. Radio Free Whatever, 6875 AM, 2133-2241*, 12-06-14, SIO: 454. Aired their "1941 Time Warp" show from last year with coverage of the Pearl Harbor bombings by the Japs, Roosevelt's speech, etc. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA UNID. 6400 AM, 2240-2251*, 12-11-14, SIO: 343. Sherlock Holmes mystery, into talk by OM announcer, then "Wiggly World" by Devo., George Zeller's famous Winterfest quote "it was so bad it was good" then off. WHYP? (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Correcting 14-50:] *** 3843 Patriot Group *** 3843-LSB, 11-30-14, 0500 UT, good sig good audio but bad program, 2 religious rock tunes in minor chords, then much back and forth consisting of far "right" lunatic fringe talk with other hams, not exactly a pirate as we would call it but not exactly legal either (Bill Hassig, Mount Prospect IL, Free Radio Weekly Dec 6 via WORLD OF RADIO 1751, DXLD) not 3848 and not 10-30 (WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6280/AM, Yahweh dude bemoaning that he USED to be Christian, but he did the research and he opted to be a part of the solution not a part of the problem. (I thought if you weren't part of the solution you were a part of the precipitate. :o) into close down with his 'trademark' comment slightly modified to "I DO love you" and the spooky tune (anyone know what it is?) & off. 3+5444, 0406-0409* 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

6280-AM, Dec 15 at 0609, Station YHWH, fair signal with usual wacky assertions; quite stronger than 6270 RHC leapfrog. First time I`ve caught him on 6280, but widely reported previously. Still going at 0635 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

YHWH: Just caught the very end of a transmission with familiar song and then ID and "I Love You" sign-off at 1942 UT today on 11595 kHz. Strongest signal in the 25mb (Bob LaRose, San Diego, Dec 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Bob, You did good to find "Josiah" at that time and on that frequency. Seems then that he is broadcasting more hours in the day than before. I last heard him on Dec 15, on his usual 6280-AM, but he signed on a bit later than normal and with a 0430 sign off; poor reception. He certainly is a unique pirate! (Ron Howard, California, ibid.)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6975, Dec 13 at 0309, JBA signal, music with a beat. Never any better but can barely still detect it at 0336. Numerous logs by listeners further east had it much better, as XFM for 3+ hours: http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,19827.0.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. Norway: LKB LLE Bergen Broadcasting is on the air with test transmissions on 5895 kHz USB until 0600 UT tomorrow morning. Reports to report@bergenkringkaster.no
(Svenn Martinsen on FBK - Foreningen Bergen Kringkaster Facebook page 11 Dec 1130 UT via Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 1640, Dec 14 at 0046-0051 and 0210 UT chex, KZLS Enid is open carrier/dead air, allowing WTNI sports, something in Spanish, probably Utah, and other CCI to encroach. I say again, if you hear nothing on 1640, there`s a good chance it`s KZLS.

1640, Dec 14 at 0602 UT, KZLS Enid is *still* open carrier/dead air as noted 6 hours earlier. Same at further chex 1350 UT, 1454 UT, 1540 UT and 1618 UT. Incredible how a broadcaster can care so little about his own station to allow this to go on unnoticed for hours and hours

1640, Dec 14 at 1950 UT, KZLS Enid is finally modulating again after *19 hours* of dead air! Or maybe only 15.5+ hours since my last previous check was at 1618. Geez, what a sorry excuse for a radio station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 17779.989 seldom odd frequency from BBC Oman relay in Somali at 1124 UT Dec 13. BUT could be, Saturdays replaced by usual odd outlet of Al Dhabbaya UAE relay site instead? who knows? 1100-1130 UT schedule daily, but no extension til 1200 UT noted so far today. S=7 signal logged on remote SDR unit in downunder Queensland Australia (Wolfgang B¸schel, Dec 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN [and non]. See INDIA

** PALAU. 9930, T8WH with YL Bible bumper giving the most difficult to UNsee analogy that "God is like an Everlasting Gobstopper" riffing off the word 'everlasting' and how it relates to God. I dozed off, but awake to a "free presbyterian" preacher from S.C. who had the strangest accent (Sort of Scottish, but only sort of!) and an actual ID at 1159 as T8WH Palau and into an Asian accented woman with a REALLY high-pitched voice offering free Bibles. 2+4332 with beeper QRM (fisher-folk? jamming? Hard to tell!) 1032-1200 6/Dec [NEVER accuse a Welsh person of sounding Scottish. You WILL be chastised.] (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Is NBC back on 3905? This is a long shot, but I have a persistent carrier on 3905 this morning (1315 UT around local sunrise), along with the occasional snippet of music. It's definitely strongest when I have the array pointed towards the pacific, but its so covered by HAMs that I can't make anything else out. Is anyone else hearing this? Any other idas as to who it could be? Perseus SDR, SAL-

20. Posted by: (Tim Rahto, IA, 1338 UT Dec 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

There were some recent logs of it as in DXLD 14-50 (gh, DXLD)

Hello Tim, Just checked here in Southern Sweden, most likely it is Papua with a very weak signal (almost no audio). Sign off just some seconds before 1412 UTC. Also the direction fits, signal best on my Asian Flag. 73 (Thomas Nilsson, 1417 UT Dec 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, ibid.)

** PERU. CQ, CQ, CQ; AquÌ Pedro F. Arrun·tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

4747.60, PER/, R. Huanta 2000, Huari, Ayacucho; 24/11 0045-0103 44444 px Radio PeriÛdico 2000 news ID "Y si no avisar aquÌ en Radio Huanta 2000" NOTA: se cortÛ la seÒal aparentemente falla de energÌa en la planta.

4774.90, PER/, R. Tarma, Tarma, JunÌn; 1/12 0010-0035 44444 mx ID "Usted escucha Radio Tarma, la Voz m·s fuerte del dial" mx cumbia andina ID "Siempre por Radio Tarma del Per˙î mx ID ìPor Radio Tarma la internacional"

4824.48, PER/, R. La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, Loreto; 1/12 0040-0105 33333 mx moderna varias ID ìLos temas m·s rom·nticos lo escuchas en LVS" mx ID "Yo escucho LVSî advs px Habla Barrio se transmite de lunes a viernes a partir de la 2 de la tarde, advs en Villa Per˙ hay los descuentos para toda la familia.

La recepciÛn la he efectuado del 23/11 al 16/12 en compaÒÌa de mi sabueso Icom IC R72 acompaÒado del Mizuho KX-3, MFJ-1025 con antena auxiliar, una antena de hilo largo de 12 metros y una antena loop. Muchos 128¥s PFA (CHASQUI DX PFA ñ DICIEMBRE 2014, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, GUATEMALA

** PERU. 4955, Per˙, Radio Cultural Amauta Huanta, 0000 ìSanta Mariaî repeated several times, ìen nacional historia en la Iglesiaî 0002, ìcon permisoì, ìSanta Cruzî mentioned twice ìn˙mero veinte cuarenta unoî.... off at 0006* 19 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980, R. Chaski, Cuzco, 2232-2242, 12/12, castelhano, propaganda religiosa; 33442, sinal muito melhor em 14/12, pelas 2305. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Chaski, 5980 --- Wish you had a clip of this one, station of special interest to me. Can you find the exact time after 0100 when they cut off the transmission? (Glenn to Daniel Wyllyans, Brasil, via DXLD)

Hello Glenn, now 2310 up to 2322 UT man is preaching blblica on Pharaoh did a recording clip with Sinpo 45344 'll make new reception the 01 utc as said if the internet better yet put today

Ola Glenn agora 2310 ate 2322 UT homem faz pregaÁao blblica sobre farao. Fiz uma gravaÁ„o clip com sinpo 45344. Vou fazer nova recepÁao ‡s 01 UT como disse se a internet melhorar ainda coloco hoje (Daniel Wyllyans, Brasil, Dec 14, DXLD)

Hellow Glenn Veni a mi ciudad y pode los videos, nieste dias en mi region Amazonia Nova Xavantina Llove mucho.. hasta luego graÁias . Daniel Wyllyans Nova Xavantina MT.

VIDEO 1: 5980 kHz Radio Chaski, 2310 UT 14/12 Mx en senal sin cantate OM Habla sobre farao/pregacion/ sinpo 45344
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKMqNtyeF7w
VIDEO 2: 5980 kHz Radio Chaski, 0103 UT 14/12 fin de la emission/OM Cxs sobre la bondad de dios sinpo 35222
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fpUYU8Xf_Q
VIDEO 3: 5980 kHz Radio Chaski, 0055 UT 14/12 MX 1, OM Habla Peru despues, Mx 2 sinpo 35222
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKI62wAapVw&feature=youtu.be
VIDEO 4: 5980 kHz Radio Chaski, 0100 UT 14/12 Pequena musica abajo de la locucion OM Cxs sobre la bondad de Dios
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_a7gnEyWSpU&feature=youtu.be
(Daniel, Dec 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, Daniel. Video 2 he says contains the end of the broadcast at 0103 but the extremely distorted unreadable audio is still going when the clip ends a sesquiminute later. So we can only assume the current cutoff is around 0104 or 0105 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** POLAND. Re: Polish Radio won't terminate its longwave transmissions

What's this "EuroRadio forum" at all? A web search leads to nothing, besides the radio operation aiming at Belarus, or was this the source?? And no results as well for the quoted name in various spelling variations. Smacks like a purposefully launched fake to me, if for no other purpose as mere trolling. Eto plokho.

Other points from the now posted clarification: Polskie Radio expects that 225 kHz will remain in use for another 10...15 years. They also

point out a utility service, similar to the German EFR, that uses the 225 kHz signal:
http://energomiar.pl/oswietlenie-drogowe/oswietlenie-drogowe/rsm/rsm-opis-systemu
And the campaign in 2012 was apparently an experimental turn-off that immediately prompted a wave of enquiries from listeners (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hello Kai, The EuroRadio mailing list exists in dxnet.org domain. I've got an invitation to it a couple of months ago and joined. Traffic is low, and I don't know whether the people there are from EBU or from somewhere else. The person who originally posted the PR closure news (referring to the on-air announcement) was Marek Weissmann. I don't know whether that has been done for trolling or just by mishearing. That's just a piece of info to you, I have no intention to initiate a discussion. 73s, (Dmitry Mezin, Kazan, RUSSIA, ibid.)

Thank you for this clarification! I proceed from the assumption that it will in turn be noted over there at digitalspy.co.uk where, it now seems, the word "Euroradio" just prompted a wrong conclusion.

The launch of this mailing list had been reported here, almost impossible to find with search engines:
http://bcdx.wwdxc.de/bcdx1174.txt

My report of this story describes the source after a third edit now as "a gentleman of unknown background in Poland". This may sound a bit harsh but anything less would lead to nothing I fear. All the best, (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

** ROMANIA. B-14 vs B-13 new time and frequencies of Radio Romania International
1300-1326 11945 GAL 300 kW / 140 deg to N/ME Arabic, ex 1500-1556
1300-1326 13660 TIG 300 kW / 142 deg to N/ME Arabic, ex 1500-1556
1300-1326 15460 GAL 300 kW / 245 deg to NoAf Arabic, ex 1500-1556
1300-1326 17810 TIG 300 kW / 247 deg to NoAf Arabic, ex 1500-1556

1330-1356 11880 TIG 300 kW / 067 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 1400-1426
1330-1356 13660 TIG 300 kW / 067 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 1400-1426

1400-1456 11985 TIG 300 kW / 052 deg to CeAs Russian, ex 1430-1456
1400-1456 13860 TIG 300 kW / 052 deg to CeAs Russian, ex 1430-1456
1400-1456 15170 GAL 300 kW / 290 deg to WeEu Romanian, ex 1300-1356
1400-1456 17840 GAL 300 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Romanian, ex 1300-1356

1500-1556 5960 TIG 300 kW / 307 deg to WeEu German, ex 1300-1356
1500-1556 7330 TIG 300 kW / 307 deg to WeEu German, ex 1300-1356
1500-1556 15170 GAL 300 kW / 290 deg to WeEu Romanian, ex 1400-1456
1500-1556 17840 GAL 300 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Romanian, ex 1400-1456

1600-1626 5930 TIG 300 kW / 037 deg to EaEu Russian DRM, ex 1600-1656
1600-1626 9810 TIG 300 kW / 037 deg to EaEu Russian, ex 1600-1656

1630-1656 9680 TIG 300 kW / 142 deg to N/ME Arabic, ex 1500-1556
1630-1656 11760 TIG 300 kW / 142 deg to N/ME Arabic, ex 1500-1556
1630-1656 11870 GAL 300 kW / 245 deg to NoAf Arabic, ex 1500-1556
1630-1656 15170 GAL 300 kW / 245 deg to NoAf Arabic, ex 1500-1556

Videos:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/b-14-vs-b-13-new-time-and-frequencies.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Below here ia a list of MW stations active in my area (St. Petersburg and Leningradskaya oblast).

684 kHz 1700-2100 UT Radio Radonezh, St. Petersburg/Sosnovka 10 kW

828 kHz 2200-0200 UT Radiogazeta Slovo (=Radio Newspaper "Word") St. Petersburg/Sosnovka 10 kW:
0200-0600 UT Pravoslavnoye Radio Sankt-Peterburga (=St. Petersburg Orthodox Radio)
0600-1400 UT Radiogazeta Slovo
1400-1800 UT Pravoslavnoye Radio Sankt-Peterburga
1800-2200 UT Radiogazeta Slovo

873 kHz 0200-2200 UT Radio Rossii St. Petersburg/ Olgino 75 kW

1053 kHz 0500-2100 UT Radio Maria St. Petersburg/ Olgino 10 kW

1089 kHz 0515-1400 UT Radio Teos (Monday to Friday, except holidays) Leningradskaya oblast/Krasny Bor 20 kW?

Radio Radonezh belongs to Russian Orthodox Church, Radiogazeta Slovo - to the Communist Party of Russian Federation, Pravoslavnoye Radio Sankt-Peterburga - to a local Orthodox community. Radio Rossii is the state-owned station (Moscow programme relay). Radio Maria is a catholic station, Radio Teos is a protestant one. 73! (Alexander Beryozkin, via Dario Monferini, Dec 12, playdx yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. So-called Komintern radio noted at 1445 UT on Dec 5 on 7199.4 kHz drifting to 7199.8 kHz with patriotic military songs plus one sung by Vladimir Visotskiy. Acc to russian sources it is located at Rossosh, Voronezh Oblast Region via own made transmitter with 0.5 kW (in modulation till 3 kW). (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Dec 11, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 13 via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

UNIDentified with non stop Russian songs 1400-1500 on 7200v. From 1500 weak signal from Radio Omdurman in Arabic. Videos: http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/unidentified-with-non-stop-russian.html 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, Dec 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

December 12:
UNIDentified with non stop Russian songs 1427 on 7200v
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbaET-KBaiY&feature=youtu.be

UNIDentified with non stop Russian songs 1431 on 7200v
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8PF4UScXNY&feature=youtu.be

UNIDentified with non stop Russian songs 1453 on 7200v
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-uImhiJhUY&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There have been many reports lately and quoted in DXLD about a Commie pirate in Russia, R. Komintern on this frequency (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Russian pirate Comintern Radio has been reported on this frequency.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ofoWq5QIffY
(David Kernick, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 17614.929, very odd frequency on 09-12 UT scheduled R Riyadh's HQ prayer at 1136 UT on Dec 13, S=9+20dB in downunder Queensland remote SDR unit (Wolfgang B¸schel, Dec 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. 15180, R. Hilaac (Issoudun) *1700-1715 8/9 Dec. HOA march tune, Somali ID, brief Qur'an recitation, correspondents' reports with frequent mentions of Somaliland, HOA musical breaks between items and a soft-voiced "Radyo Hilaa[c]" at 1709 (sounds like the "c" gets elided somewhat); slightly better signal on the 9th (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. 17580, V of Khaatumo (Issoudun) *1700-1728* 11 Dec. (Tentative). Opening in Arabic/Somali, brief Qur'an recitation, discussions/speeches/short interviews with occasional HOA music bridges, couple mentions of Somalia and one of "Khaatumo" (maybe) at 1724. Severe ACI from AWR-17575 (Talata-Volonondry) *1700-1728* (shuts down 30-45 seconds before VoK which helps). VoK is a Thursday-only broadcast and thanks to the HF Underground site for the initial info. (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, G5/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. FRANCE, 17580, Voice of Khaatumo to Somalia, via TDF Issoudun. Hearing them as well with jamming noted, but best in USB with 2.3 filter helps hearing and interview with a Somalian woman about her experience at 1719 UT. Yes, Thursday only. Heard them initally on Dec 4th with poor signals but much better today!

Ralph Perry wrote: New Somali-targeted clandestine via MBR brokery via TDF Issoudun broadcast site doing well right now, at *1700 UT for its Thursdays-only broadcast. Initially QRMed, possibly even jammed, and had to use USB but now doing fine on full AM mode. Mainly a studio announcer introducing various short clips of speeches and interviews of remote speakers. Couple brief HOA musical bridges (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, VE6EFK, DXplorer Dec 11 via BCDX via DXLD)

** SOMALILAND. 7120, Dec 13 at 0330 and still 0337, no signal from R. Hargeisa. I am still waiting for a November report from Kouji Hashimoto in Japan who had been monitoring their 1900v* sign-off almost every day (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. Postscript to unusual medium wave conditions --- Mark Connelly suggests the day time skywave I noted on December 5 may be normal at times for my latitude. This theory holds water, as the same conditions are noted today, December 11. Spain all over the medium wave dial at 1300 UT. Some stations at very strong levels. Quite listenable on a car radio. Regards, (Brock Whaley, Ireland, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Cf DXLD 14-50, PROPAGATION

** SPAIN. Ken Zichi: Granted it appears to be only in Spanish, and only for a few hours a day, but REE's transmitters are not going to be mothballed just yet, it seems. This is a google translate link to an RTVE notice published on the web:

http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?depth=1&hl=en&rurl=translate.google.com&tl=en&u=http://www.rtve.es/radio/20141205/radio-exterior-espana-suprime-emision-onda-corta/1061923.shtml&usg=ALkJrhgE93ayWoOjn52cq9uCzmuztYA9cg

or: http://tinyurl.com/reebackonsw-english

Fun times -- bring back the English service though! :)

{this time and frequency info proved to be excessive, incorrect: - gh}

[1800-2200 M-F & 1400-2200 weekends, no freqs given. Frequencies used during these time periods during A14 were; 7275, 9570, 9660, 9665, 9685, 11615, 12015, 15325, 15385, 15585, 17595, 17715, 17755, 17850,

21515, 21610 & 21640.]

Ken Z also dug this up:
http://www.hfcc.org/data/schedbybrc.php?seas=B14&broadc=REE

[All from Nobjelas in SS till 29-March-2015]

1600-2200 daily 17715
1600-2400 Sat-Sun 9620, 11685, 11940, 12030
1600-2400 daily 17755
1800-2400 daily 17850, 21610
1900-2300 daily 15110
2000-2400 M-F 9620, 11685, 11940, 12030
2000-2400 M-Sat 15385
(Ken Zichi, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD) NOT correct

** SPAIN. Spanish news agency Europa Press reports today that Radio Exterior de EspaÒa will resume transmissions on shortwave beginning Thursday December 18.

MADRID, 16 (EUROPA PRESS) --- La seÒal en onda corta de Radio Exterior de EspaÒa se reanudar· este prÛximo jueves a las 19.55 horas y por la mitad de su coste anterior (pasa del 1,2 millones a los 600.000 euros), "toda vez que las condiciones tÈcnicas est·n revisadas y ya se ofrecen todas las garantÌas".

AsÌ ha respondido el presidente de la CorporaciÛn de RTVE en el Congreso de los Diputados, JosÈ Antonio S·nchez, en respuesta a la senadora 'popular' MarÌa Josefa Nicol·s por este asunto, durante la sesiÛn de control parlamentario mensual a la CorporaciÛn que este martes se ha celebrado en el Congreso.

El presidente de RTVE ha precisado que el asunto estaba ya "muy polemizado y politizado" cuando llegÛ y, por ello, hablÛ con los colectivos afectados para recabar la informaciÛn correspondiente, tras la decisiÛn tomada antes de su llegada.

DespuÈs, pidiÛ al Consejo de AdministraciÛn revocar la decisiÛn para poder volver a emitir en onda corta. El pasado 4 de diciembre el Consejo aprobÛ el plan propuesto y las emisiones en onda corta de REE se van a reanudar pasado maÒana, el jueves dÌa 18, a las 19.55 horas.

La emisiÛn se realizar· de lunes a viernes, entre las 20 y las 24 horas peninsular espaÒola y fines de semana entre 16.00 y las 00.00 horas, seg˙n ha precisado.

Adem·s de atender al sector pesquero, ha aÒadido que la cobertura en onda corta asegura por aÒadidura la recepciÛn de esta franja de

programaciÛn de Radio Exterior de EspaÒa en todo el contente africano e iberoamÈrica, y tambiÈn en centroamÈrica y parte del norte de AmÈrica.

"La decisiÛn se adopta para asegurar una opciÛn adicional a Internet, radio satÈlite o aplicaciones para mÛviles, y atiende peticiones de una parte del sector pesquero espaÒol con un coste notablemente inferior al que se le imputaba antes del cierre de las emisiones, que costaba 1,2 millones de euros, y ahora la mitad", ha recalcado S·nchez..

A su vez, ha indicado que en los prÛximos meses se instalar· un sistema de emisiÛn automatizada que simplificar· el control y mantenimiento de toda la instalaciÛn tÈcnica del centro emisor de Noblejas (Toledo).

"Hay cadenas que como la BBC que el espaÒol lo han reducido una hora de lunes a viernes porque las nuevas tecnologÌas hacen ya obsoleta la onda corta que est· desapareciendo paulatinamente. Lo ha hecho en la rusa, creo que Radio Vaticana tambiÈn y cada dÌa ir· desapareciendo porque se est· sustituyendo por las nuevas tecnologÌas e Internet", ha sentenciado el jefe de la CorporaciÛn.

En otra respuesta, S·nchez ha subrayado adem·s el esfuerzo por adelantar la emisiÛn en Alta DefiniciÛn (HD) en los Centros Territoriales de RTVE. La fecha prevista es el 31 de marzo en Canarias, Madrid y CataluÒa y el 30 de junio para el resto de comunidades.

Preguntado por las principales caracterÌsticas del plan anual del cine espaÒol que ha aprobado TVE para 2015, S·nchez ha indicado que se est· estudiando la posibilidad de asociarse con productores para que vean la luz obras audiovisuales de interÈs para la cadena, tanto por contenido como por oportunidad de negocio.

El presidente de la CorporaciÛn ha tenido que responder tambiÈn a una pregunta del senador 'popular' D·maso LÛpez sobre las medidas a adoptar para que las im·genes duras que se ofrecen en TVE sean previamente alertadas.

En este sentido, S·nchez ha reconocido que este asunto representa una de las mayores quejas de la audiencia pero tambiÈn ha advertido de que estas mismas noticias est·n fuera del horario de protecciÛn reforzadas y sus contenidos no son para menores. Eso sÌ, ha remarcado que se har· un esfuerzo en la materia.

APROBACION DE INICIATIVAS

Finalmente, la comisiÛn ha aprobado a instancias del PP una iniciativa sobre el impulso a la calidad en la programaciÛn de RTVE, dentro de las restricciones presupuestarias, y otra para mejorar la informaciÛn meteorolÛgica de utilidad para los turistas de esquÌ y montaÒa que la radiotelevisiÛn p˙blica proporciona.

Junto con PSOE y CiU se ha acordado una iniciativa, que ha sido aprobada por unanimidad de todos los grupos parlamentarios, en la que piden una racionalizaciÛn de los horarios en la programaciÛn de TVE, asÌ como concienciar al resto de operadores p˙blicos y privados en la misma lÌnea, tal y como recoge el informe de la subcomisiÛn de racionalizaciÛn de horarios de las Cortes. Precisamente ayer RTVE y Sanidad firmaron un convenio en materia de racionalizaciÛn de horarios en la P˙blica. Posted by: Bexarboy (via Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, Dec 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But they didin`t wait unitl Dec 18: it`s already heard immediately on Dec 16 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Test transmissions, football, of REE today, Tuesday December 16 from 1900 UT on 9620 strong here, // 11685 and 12030. Other 11940 is off. Several videos will be uploaded tomorrow (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, 1943 UT Dec 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ESPA—A, 9620, Radio Exterior, 2108-2118, 16-12, transmisiÛn partido de f˙tbol Real Madrid-Cruz Azul de MÈxico. 23222 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Enviado desde Blue Mail, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Test of REE on Dec 16, with sports coverage
from 1900 on 9620 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg to NoAm Spanish
from 1900 on 11685 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish
from 1900 on 11940 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish is off!
from 1900 on 12030 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to NEAf Spanish
Nothing on freqs: 15110, 15385, 17715, 17755, 17850, 21610
The regular transmissions will be resume on Thursday, December 18.
Videos:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/test-of-ree-on-dec16-with-sports.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Strong here (2230 UT) in WCNA on 9620 kHz but the 25mb frequencies much weaker (Bob LaRose, San Diego, Dec 16, ibid.)

Excelente seÒal de REE en 9620 kHz informativo, 2300 UT (Juli·n Santiago, MÈxico, D. F., Enviado desde mi iPad, Dec 16, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Amigos, al parecer esta transmisiÛn llega mejor Centro y NorteamÈrica, por los excelentes reportes de Dino por Miami como por Julian por

ciudad de MÈxico. TambiÈn llegaba a Dinamarca, seg˙n me informa Anker Petersen con seÒal aceptable. Sus emisiones, en 9620 como 12030, han finalizazo, a las 2307 UT.

Ya es una buena noticia que REE est· en el aire. Estaremos atento a las emisiones dirigidas a AmÈrica del Sur (ce3BBC Hugo LÛpez C., Santiago de Chile, Dec 16, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN. Registered B-14 frequencies of REE on Dec 11; all others are deleted:
1600-2400 on 9620 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg to NoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
1600-2400 on 11685 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sat/Sun
1600-2400 on 11940 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
1600-2400 on 12030 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to NEAf Spanish Sat/Sun

1600-2200 on 17715 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Daily
1600-2400 on 17755 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Daily
1800-2400 on 17850 NOB 100 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish Daily
1800-2400 on 21610 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Spanish Daily
1900-2300 on 15110 NOB 200 kW / 302 deg to NoAm Spanish Daily

2000-2400 on 9620 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg to NoAm Spanish Mon-Fri
2000-2400 on 11685 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Mon-Fri
2000-2400 on 11940 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Mon-Fri
2000-2400 on 12030 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to NEAf Spanish Mon-Fri
2000-2400 on 15385 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Mon-Fri
(Bulgarian DX blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD) NOT CORRECT

Radio Exterior Espana from Spain heard with excellent signal in Spanish on 12030 and 9620 with sports coverage. Nice to hear them back on the air! 73 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, Dec 16, 2109 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9620, Dec 16 at 2042, SW is reactivated from Spain! Only for Sillyballgame coverage, poor signal, and also on very poor // 12030. At 2230 both are still on, now with news, and 9620 much better; 2259 outro `Cinco Continentes`, ID for Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, timesignal, then domestic ID as Radio Nacional de EspaÒa, `Servicio Informativo`, until cutoff at 2306.3*.

News broke earlier today Dec 16 that the SW service would resume on Dec 18, (tnx Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, for press about it), but it really started right away at least on a test basis.

There had been a lot of contradictory info about the times and frequencies for the revived service, apparently confusion over timezones; and registrations exceed axual usage. We quoted one complicated version from Ivo Ivanov on World of Radio 1752.

But it boiled down to this simple schedule, per REE`s own website
http://www.rtve.es/radio/20141217/radio-exterior-espana-suprime-emision-onda-corta/1070020.shtml
--- only four frequencies:

``Radio Exterior de EspaÒa emite su programaciÛn desde las 19 hasta las 23 horas, Tiempo Universal Coordinado, de lunes a viernes, y de 15 a 23 los s·bados y domingos. Las frecuencias de emisiÛn y las zonas de cobertura son las siguientes:
- ¡frica y Atl·ntico sur, 11685 Khz, banda de 25 metros.
- AmÈrica del sur, 11940 Khz, banda de 25 metros.
- AmÈrica del norte, 9620 Khz, banda de 31 metros.
- Oriente Medio e Indico, 12030 Khz, banda de 25 metros``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No es eso, no es eso (referido a REE)

Hoy el diario La OpiniÛn, de A CoruÒa, publica un artÌculo de opiniÛn de AntÛn Luaces referido a Radio Exterior de EspaÒa que, por su lucidez e interÈs, ofrecemos a continuaciÛn: Hace 83 aÒos, un 6 de diciembre de 1931, y en una conferencia que Ortega y Gasset pronunciada en el Cinema de la ”pera de . . .
http://aer.org.es/archivos/2018

Un saludo cordial (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, EspaÒa, COORDINADOR GENERAL ASOCIACI”N ESPA—OLA DE RADIOESCUCHA (AER), Dec 12, noticias dx yg via DXLD)

REPORT OF REE AGAIN ON SW --- Radio Exterior de EspaÒa (actually Radio Nacional de EspaÒa Radio 1) was heard in Valencia, eastern Spain on December 16, 2014, at 1914, firstly on 12030 very weak, also on 11685 less weak, and then on 9620 but interfered here by 9615 CRI Urumqi in German, broadcasting a relay of RNE 1 program "Tablero Deportivo", consisted in a football match. At 2055, the 31 mb signal gained strength and the 25 mb frequencies get inaudible.

Radio Exterior de EspaÒa difundiendo la seÒal de Radio Nacional de EspaÒa Radio 1, captada en Valencia, EspaÒa, el 16 de diciembre de 2014, a las 20:14 hora oficial EspaÒola, primeramente en 12030 muy dÈbil, algo menos dÈbil en 11865 y con m·s seÒal en 9620, pero muy interferida aquÌ por 9615 CRI Urumqi en alem·n. El programa que se estaba emitiendo, en simult·neo con RNE 1, era "Tablero deportivo".

Hacia las diez de la noche hora local la seÒal en 31 metros mejorÛ en mi lugar de escucha mientras que las de 25 metros se volvieron inaudibles (Guillermo S·ez, Valencia, EspaÒa. -
http://gsdx1.blogspot.com.es/2014/12/sw-logs-161214.html

0042 UT Dec 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Another clip of REE with co-channel VOA Bambara after 2130
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/test-of-ree-on-dec16-with-sports.html

Test of REE on Dec 16 with sports coverage:
from 1900 on 9620#NOB 200 kW / 290 deg to NoAm Spanish
from 1900 on 11685 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish
from 1900 on 11940 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish is off!
from 1900 on 12030 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to NEAf Spanish
co-ch 1830-1925 TRT French; 2100-2200 VOA French/Bambara Mon-Fri
No signal on other freqs: 15110, 15385, 17715, 17755, 17850, 21610
The regular transmissions will be resume on Thursday, December 18.
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

I hear REE again on 9620. Tuned it at 1855 and they were already on
air (Stephen Cooper, UK, Dec 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ESPA—A, Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, sintonizada en casco urbano de Lugo,
Tecsun PL-880 y antena de cable, 8 metros, por las siguientes
frecuencias:

9620 con SINPO 21321. Muy fuerte interferencia de China Radio
International en 9615 kHz, incluso con filtro de 2.3 kHz
11685 con SINPO 24322. SeÒal dÈbil.
12030 con SINPO 24322. SeÒal dÈbil.
11940, no logro sintonizarla en esta frecuencia.

1900-1915 UT 17-12: identificaciÛn: "Radio Nacional de EspaÒa",
programa informativo "24 horas" (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Dec 17,
dxldyg via DXLD)

Excellent reception of 9620 kHz here in eastern Newfoundland, Wed 17
Dec at 3:45 pm (1915 UT). (Philip Hiscock, ibid.)

REE was on the air from 1852 UT on Dec 17; several videos will be
uploaded later today (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

Second test of REE/RNE on Dec 17, before official start on Dec 18
from 1852 9620 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg to NoAm Spanish relay RNE Radio 1
from 1852 11685 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish relay RNE Radio 1
from 1852 11940 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish again not on air!
from 1852 12030 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to NEAf Spanish relay RNE Radio 1
Videos:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/second-test-of-reerne-on-dec17.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

9620, Radio Exterior de EspaÒa at 2236 with ID and into a report on

the announcement today of thawing relationship between the US and Cuba; at listed sign-off of 2300 giving ID and into news, ìServicio Informativoî, but was gone when I checked back at 2312 - Very good, // 11685 very poor, 11940 not heard, 12030 very poor Dec 17 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN-1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. December 8:
Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio in English to CeAf 1731 on 9505 Al Aitahab, plus BBC English
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_PZzy6LyL4s&feature=youtu.be

Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio in English to CeAf 1737 on 9505 Al Aitahab, plus BBC English
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpc6Qkk6uM8&feature=youtu.be

Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio in English to CeAf 1800 on 9505 Al Aitahab, QRM TWR English
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dnZlPeLPYQ&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

December 12:
Radio Omdurman in Arabic to CeAf 1503 on 7200 Al Aitahab
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTKocqGPV8c&feature=youtu.be

Radio Omdurman in Arabic to CeAf 1516 on 7200 Al Aitahab
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zy3aiPDfeg&feature=youtu.be

Radio Omdurman in Arabic to CeAf 1519 on 7200 Al Aitahab
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C7aEpXGNxA&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 7200.0, Dec 13 at 0330, open carrier, fair-good; 0332 JBM music, but 0338 mostly dead air, presumed reactivated Omdurman. Meanwhile some hams are using it as BFO for their LSB making them sound like AM; one call heard was W5ANA. A ham AM carrier het also came and went (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Omdurman on 9505.0 kHz, fair S=5-6 at 0620 UT Dec 15 (Wolfgang B¸schel, A-DX, via DXLD)

** SUDAN [and non]. The answer for the first question has now been found on the Soviet Genstab map: Reba is the small settlement immediately northeast of the transmitter site.

Concerning the antenna: The layout of the tuning houses reminds of the Liblice facility.

http://stredni.vlny.sweb.cz/Cra/Liblice_2_cz.html

The approach there, and thus perhaps at Sennar-Reba as well, is to somewhat concentrate the RF energy to parts of the target farthest away from the transmitter. Thus it is my guess that the original set-up favoured the southwestern direction, just by a few decibels. Of course in this case also for skywave propagation, unlike Liblice where the skywave radiation is suppressed as much as possible, prompting wrong speculations about a much reduced power (it's still 750 kW, a recent reduction from 1500 kW which they hoped to compensate for with the shrill audio processing, including a high-pass at 120 Hz, they introduced at the same time).

And a look at the equipment:
http://stredni.vlny.sweb.cz/Tesla/SRV_750_k.html

A power level of 750 kW almost certainly (Masirah Island is the only exception I'm aware of) indicates this transmitter or its longwave variant DRV 750 (Algeria 252 kHz, Czechoslovakia 270 kHz). And if you ever wondered about the former 950 kW of 1152 kHz in Romania: This was a SRV 750 coupled with a SRV 200.

So far I have not heard anything else than (taking aside a now presumably dead facility) COPE ValËncia on 1296 kHz. But indeed it is being said that the Sennar-Reba signal often punches through up to Central Europe. Back in the nineties word was that one should simply listen for traces of program audio with a characteristic kind of distortion. I don't know if this description still applies.
(Kai Ludwig, Dec 13, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

Sudan Radio History - some details:

1 - Khartoum Soba site at 15 28 18.44 N 32 37 35.73 E

Broadcasting center Khartum Soba (rightside of the big river), erected by Marconi as 1 x MW of 50 kW and 2 x SW of 20 kW each in 1949. Maybe between 1949 and 1969 the SW units increased power to 50 kW each. Soba location fit with WRTH 1974 issue, but under Omdurman(?) Soba location. Only single MW [reserve 963 kHz?] mast visible in G.E. and G.M. anymore these days at 15 28 31.03 N, 32 37 12.60 E.

Around 1969/1970 Dutch enterprise Philips erected additionally some two x 120 kW SW units, first mentioned in WRTH 1971 issue. Harris erected a single 100 kW TX in approx. 1990/1991.

On G.E. image of 20 Oct 2004 already 16 big SW dipole antennas were visible, also non-directional tropical band antenna of 5039 kHz outlet in 60 meterband, also some minor masts of some security forces,

foreign office and other government authorities; and two tall MW masts for 747[now765] and 963 kHz operation out of the capital. Khartoum Soba System seemingly scrapped after 2008 year time span.

In January 2009 image in Google Earth, most former SW and MW installations were scrapped and disappeared. Only single MW mast visible in G.E. and G.M. anymore these days at 15 28 31.03 N 32 37 12.60 E location.

In June 2012, the whole thing looks like a prepared construction area, with small housing streets, rows of main power / small street light masts, that is also extended outside the original station area, righthand / east of the main road towards grown neighborhoods.

2 - Omdurman Al Aitahab station at 15 35 15.83 N, 32 26 47.45 E located on the left side of the big river.
ALF = ITU designed short call, SDN
15N30 032E28 location (mids on the big river).

Used for MW 765 kHz 50 kW, SW 7200/7205 and 9505 kHz with a single HARRIS 100 kW tx of 1990 year.

Look newer image, when compared the Gooogle Earth images between 2004 and 2009. ALF Al Aitahab is just such a nebulous city center term, coordinates are set to middle of the large river between the two big cities, translated from Sudanese into French language ITU database in Geneva Switzerland. Maybe "Al Aitahab" spelling style is wrong, and short call ALF means "al-Fiteihab" instead? Google: "riverside area of al-Fiteihab in Omdurman".

Google Maps and Bing Maps images are not good,
<https://goo.gl/maps/OeocD>

And the public "TerraServer" image is NOT of higher quality too, though
<http://www.terraserver.com/view.asp?
cx=32.44583333333333&cy=15.586944444444445&proj=4326&mpp=0.75&sdrt=jax#>

Too to get details easier the Google Earth images of Dec 2012 and Dec 2013 to look at much finer and sharper shape.

"Historical Imagery allows users to traverse back in time and study earlier stages of any place. This feature allows research that require analysis of past records of various places."

The center Al Aitahab with the MW and communication masts and 31/41 mb antenna was extended / built up acc image details compared between 26 April 2006 and November 8, 2007 accordingly shown images, on the

right side wall of the area at 15 35 17.30 N, 32 26 49.77 E coordinates. So suitable for scrapping the Khartoum Soba System in total after 2008 time span, except the MW on north-western corner.

3 - Khartoum station between Halfayat el Muluk and Hillat Uzeirqab at 15 43 13.68 N, 32 33 29.99 E location located on the right side of the big river. Probably used for MW 963 kHz at 100 kW and some TV/FM communication mast operation too.

4 - re Sennar Reiba MW 1296 kHz station, operated now by 600 kW these days, probably of Harris/Nautel? origin, at
13 33 44.48 N 33 31 39.26 E
<https://goo.gl/maps/p2h8C>

Formerly erected facility built by Tesla Made in Czech CSSR in 1974. Once erected 2 x 750 kW SRV 750 units and two masts. Added handwritten note words of future plan of 1500 kW in WRTH 1973 issue.

5 - During G.E. reseach found another MW station too of SDN__Yambio 909 kHz 50 kW image of 23 Aug 2011. Appeared for the first time during new ITU Geneva plan of 1978 came into effect, in WRTH 1979 issue.

Source taken partly of Adrian Peterson-IN-USA, AWR Wavescan script for Aug 21. 2011. My WRTH archive and handwritten notes also (Wolfgang B¸schel, Dec 6, 2014, BCDX 13 Dec via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 5925, Dec 13 at 0315, good signal in Arabish, would be OK if it weren`t for the ACI from much stronger 5920 WHRI. This is Afia Darfur, an IBB service at 0300-0330 via VATICAN, violating Separation of Church and State (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [and non]. 15549, Dec 12 at 1539, weak het or tone to jam R. Dabanga, now on air via VATICAN, and thus also jamming WJHR 15550-USB from Florida, tsk2. Sudan government is really pissed at R. Dabanga, which has wider listenership than its own broadcasts. See
https://www.radiodabanga.org/node/84235
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 13870 VOA (Nauen) 1640-1647 11 Dec. "Focus on South Sudan" // 11900 (Nauen) // 15180 (SMG) with item about police violence against a peaceful protest by refugees, Ebola PSA, promo for a 3-part interview with former US Ambassador to S. Sudan (to be aired next week). (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, G5/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. 6130, TWR Manzini, ìThis is Trans-World Radio Swazilandî chime IS to 1820, into hymns and religious vocal music 1820z, listed in Umbundu as per AOKI. 1822z announcements by man in presumed

Umbundu. I have been spending some time on Global Tuners lately. It is amazing what one can hear! (Steven Wiseblood, AB5GP, using Western Australia, Port Hedland Global Tuner 12/16/2014, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. SAQ TRANSMISSION ON CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24TH, 2014

There will be a transmission with the Alexanderson 200 kW alternator on VLF 17.2 kHz from Grimeton Radio/SAQ on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, 2014.

The message transmission will take place at 0800 UT (09:00 local time). The transmitter will be tuned up from around 0730 UT (08:30 local time).

There will be activity on amateur radio frequencies with the call SK6SAQ on any of following frequencies:
- 3755 SSB
- 7035 CW
- 14215 SSB
- 14035 CW

QSL- reports on SK6SAQ are kindly received:
- via SM bureau or direct to Grimeton Radio

QSL-reports on SAQ are kindly received via:
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Yours Lars Kalland, SM6NM,
(Posted by: "Harald Kuhl" bdxc-uk yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

** SWEDEN. HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY RADIO SWEDEN! #RadioSweden75
DX International 9 December 2014

Radio Sweden celebrates 75 years on 13 December. It was that grim first December of World War II that the station took to the airwaves in English (a Swedish service started a year earlier). They were mostly heard on shortwave back then, although the English service of the station left the airwaves a few years back, I listen to their

weekday 30 minute podcast several times a week.

The hashtag #RadioSweden75 is being used on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter as listeners are encouraged to share their stories and photos of station memorabilia.

I am fairly sure that Radio Sweden in English with its lovely interval signal and identification was the first station I heard on shortwave back in the 1970s. Their programmes have always shown me an intelligent, liberal-minded and culturally rich country. I was hooked as I became a teenager and have not veered far from their delightful Nordic news and views of the Nordic countries ever since- they remain a favourite and are a voice of reason on what is often an otherwise propaganda-led, rather dumbed-down radio dial.

I have a smattering of QSL cards which I must photograph and put on Instagram this week, I also have happy memories of their paper schedules, and of proudly wearing a ìKeep In Touch - Radio Swedenî T-shirt in dark blue with that familiar Radio Sweden font in yellow, in the early 1980s. I wonder if they still produce such clothing items- a tote bag is available?

The 2014 Swedish General Election coverage was fabulous, as was the Green Party forming the collation government. I hope the 22 March 2015 snap election produces similar successes.

It would be nice to hear relays of Radio Sweden programmes return to shortwave on Global 24 Radio. I hope they sign up, as many other stalwart shortwave stations already have re-established a shortwave voice this way since October 2014.

Happy 75th anniversary Radio Sweden! Have a listen to them, both their daily programmes and their archive material.

http://dxinternational.blogspot.co.uk/2014/12/happy-75th-anniversary-radio-sweden.html
Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) This is Chrissy Brand`s blog

** TAIWAN [and non]. Most of Taiwanese Sound of Hope transmissions are odd xx.006 Hertz this morning DEC 6:
11430.006 SOH Taiwan, S=7
11470.006 SOH Taiwan, S=7
11500.005 SOH Taiwan, S=4 on threshold level.
11580.006 SOH Taiwan, S=7
11600.007 SOH Taiwan, S=7
11605.105 R Taiwan International, Japanese at 0842 UT, poor S=5-6 sidelobe (Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX 13 Dec via DXLD)

TAIWAN/CHINA CHN jamming, TWN SOH and others, Dec 14, 2014.

Monitoring log of some SOH and other Taiwan broadcasts, and accompanied China mainland jamming of CNR spoken program, but NOT Firedrake music heard this morning. Slot 0720 to 1030 UT on Dec 14 - with some breaks in between, heard on excellent Hiroshima Japan remote SDR receiver unit post.

6410 to 6640 kHz Korea's SIRENE jamming type at 0805 UT.
6869 SOH, not on air.
6970.050 SOH, separate RFA px

7279.990 SOH
7310.078 SOH S=9 at 0726 UT
7419.986 CHN PBS Nei Menggu, S=9+15dB at 0722 UT, two female talk,

9155.010 SOH, 9155.0 even CNR jamming at 0730 UT S=7
9199.979 SOH, strange chorus jamming on even 9200, S=6
9230.000 SOH, S=7 CNR spoken jamming
9280.143 SOH S=6, underneath very poor jamming.
9320.117 SOH S=6,
9519.983 CHN PBS Nei Menggu, in Chinese S=5-6
9540.105 SOH S=5, much scratchy distorted audio feed signal !
9635.066 SOH S=6 at 0746 UT, and co-channel odd
9635.782 VTN VoVietnam Son Tay, 700 Hertz heterodyne QRM.
9749.977 CHN PBS Nei Menggu, in Mongolian S=8
9849.969 SOH S=8, and CHN CNR jamming at 0755 UT.

10869.981 SOH, and CNR word spoken jamming.
10960.020 SOH, no jamming
11099.995 SOH, RFA special px, no jamming at 0807 UT
11300.143 SOH, terrible distorted audio feed quality. 0808 UT
11430.016 SOH, S=7-8 at 0810 UT, no jamming.
11469.968 SOH, 0810 UT, underneath poor jammer.
11500.093 SOH, 0812 UT, no jamming.
11529.971 SOH, S=9+10dB BC station like strong.
11580.000 CNR jamming S=7, underneath US RMI-FL.
11600.0 CHN CNR jamming ? or real schedule outlet, not in HFCC list
11600.232 SOH S=9+10dB at 0820 UT.
11715.087 SOH S=8
11765.110 SOH S=8, distorted audio feed quality at 0825 UT.

12190.0 CNR jamming S=9+20dB -56dBm strength in AUS
12190.xxx SOH, nothing heard here.
12370.047 SOH, distorted audio feed quality, no jamming.
12500.228 SOH, and like KRE Korean white noise jamming, Harmonic?
12496 - 12503 KRE WHITE NOISE SCRATCHY jamming S=7
12560.118 SOH, S=9 terrible distorted audio feed quality.

12775.153 SOH, poor signal.
12799.921 SOH, WIPER sound special jamming, S=8 at 0835 UT.
12870.051 SOH, S=8
12910.045 SOH, S=8
12980.145 SOH, S=9 distorted audio feed quality, and
WIPER sound special jamming QRM.

13070.018 SOH, S=6 no jamming
13129.945 SOH, S=8 distorted audio feed quality.
13200.148 SOH, S=7 distorted audio feed quality.
13230.022 SOH, S=7 distorted audio feed quality.
13530.218 SOH, S=9+10dB, TERRIBLE distorted audio feed quality,
heavy OVERMODULATED, CW stn underneath.
13679.821 SOH
13775.124 SOH, distorted audio feed quality.
13820.0 Chinese, SOH or CNR, not identified of westerners.
13850.0 CRI Chinese, I guess SOH underneath at 0935 UT.
13890.049 SOH, S=9 at 0940 UT.
13919.969 SOH, S=9 distorted audio feed quality.
13980.219 SOH, very weak and tiny.

14369.976 SOH, S=8 distorted audio feed quality at 0944 UT.
14499.993 SOH, very tiny.
14700.241 SOH, poor, buzzy audio quality sound.
14870.xxx SOH not on air
14900.257 SOH, S=6 fair signal.
14920.189 SOH, S=8
14980.083 SOH

15269.xxx SOH, not on air
15340.xxx SOH, not on air
15775.218 SOH, S=7
15800.117 SOH, S=8-9

15940.025 SOH, S=7
15969.934 SOH?,S=9, ONLY CHINESE NUMBERS READ, no text at 1005 UT.
16100.098 SOH
16160.165 SOH, S=8
16250.xxx SOH, not on air.
16360.xxx SOH, not on air.
16450.039 SOH
16530.158 SOH
16600.388 SOH, S=6
16750.0 CNR?, S=9+25dB like strong BC station...
16774.852 SOH, S=8
16920.176 SOH, S=6 distorted audio feed quality at 1026 UT.
16979.963 SOH, S=5 poor
17169.913 SOH

17200.351 SOH, S=6
17300.006 SOH, S=5

17900.286 SOH, S=5
18370.548 SOH, S=3 very tiny
18870.175 SOH
18970.013 SOH, S=5 poor
19970.xxx SOH, not on air.
(Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

9635.02, Sound of Hope - Xi Wang Zhi Sheng, 1506z man and woman in Cantonese with news. Co-channel Vietnam. I have been spending some time on Global Tuners lately. It is amazing what one can hear! (Steven Wiseblood, AB5GP, using Manila, Philippines Global Tuner 12/16/2014, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. 11975, R Taiwan Int'l via Issoudun with food show mentioning "Local Taiwanese Carrots" and a squid and passion fruit appetizer thingie that sounded interesting. Gave address at end of show then abruptly pulled the plug. Strange QRM/co-channel issue, or maybe a modulation warble? 3454+3+ 1750-1757* 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

** THAILAND. I had a nice logging this morning EST Thursday December 11, 2014 of the BBC World Service via short path on 49 meters. It was nice to hear the BBC in English in Florida as it's increasingly a rare catch.

Thailand. 5875.000 kHz. BBC WS. December 11, 2014 at 1207 UT, SIO 433. Program called "Outlook", interviewing man that emigrated to Germany from Eritrea. 1230 ID into news. SIO 444. 1232 "Outlook" program again, interviewing U.S. Marine about Iraq war. 1300 ID into news. 1317 signal faded out thanks to D layer. Take Care, (Thomas F. Giella W4HM, Lakeland, FL, USA, SWL Since 1965, Receiver- Kenwood TS-590S, Antennas- 129 ft long inverted L & 300 ft long horizontal loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 4920, China, Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet, 1150 with yl in Chinese at 1205, 14 December, 0030 to 0040 // 4905 with rtty off 4905 for once 16 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Religious program in Ukrainian at 1835 UT on MW 549 1044 1404 kHz. Cultural program in Ukrainian called "Ukrainskii Vuimer" was heard till close/down of transmission at 1900 UT on 1431 kHz. Both observed on Dec 9. MW transmitter on 1431 kHz registered as located in Odessa (WRTH 1991) was used by Soviet communist propaganda for the broadcasts in Albanian, Bulgarian etc. (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Dec

11, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 13 via DXLD)

Transmissions from Ukraine on MW 1431 kHz Mykolayiv on Dec 10:

Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine, World Service:
1500-1700 on 1431 LV 800 kW / 055 deg to NERu Russian with new IS, ID

Radio Voice of Ukraine, World Service:
1700-1900 on 1431 LV 800 kW / 055 deg to NERu Ukrainian, ex 1500-1900

Co-channels: RAI 1, IRIB and defective transmitter of Foititiko Radiofono Thessaloniki. Videos:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/transmissions-from-ukraine-on-mw-1431.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D, dxldyg via DXLD)

Wait a moment: Is this just guessed format fill or some real data, given somewhere by someone?

"LV, 800 kW, 55 deg"?

The intriguing point here is the azimuth. It would fit the Zarya antenna of the Krasne site to which the "LV" site designator belongs, in reversed operation of course (this used to be 936 kHz in the other direction).

In theory the site use could also have changed on the fly. This would be an explanation for different experiences.

I just checked it out: Open carrier already on when tuned in at 1454, off at 1455 and back on after a bit less than a minute. No modulation whatsoever until 1500 sharp when the new opener has been played. Modest signal here in eastern Germany. I would not dare to speculate about the antenna configuration and, so it now seems, maybe even transmitter site (Kai Ludiwg, Germany, Dec 12, dxldyg via DXLD)

The new medium wave outlet on 1431 heard here 1653-1702, 12 December. Fair over endless pop Christmas tunes on the low powered U.K. "Gold" sync stations. Group singing what sounded like a jolly folk song into M announcer in presumed Russian at 1655. Instrumental music and what sounded like a s/off announcement at 1659. Brief period of silence and then a sign on announcement that mentioned "radio." I did not hear the carrier cut or a time pip between services (Brock Whaley, Ireland for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Ukraine International - or not? Though we've been describing Ukraine Radio's new Russian service as 'Radio Ukraine International'

they don't seem to identify as such on air. After airing the new souped-up version of their interval signal, their sign-on announcement goes: "Govorit Kiev. V efire programa Vsemirnaya Sluzhba, Radio Veshchaniye Ukraine" [Kiev calling. You're listening to the World Service programme, Radio Broadcasting Ukraine?]. My knowledge of Russian is quite limited and can't cope with idiom though, perhaps one of our fluent Russian speakers could shed some light on this? If you want to hear it for yourself, the Russian service is on at 1500-1700 UT on mediumwave 1431 kHz and on the web stream http://nrcu.gov.ua (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Dec 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe because they have been using similar ID form also in Ukrainian: "Vsesvitnya sluzhba radiomovleniya Ukraini" 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

Which translates to "World Service of Ukrainian Radio" (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, ibid.)

It's just the same online: The name "Radio Ukraine International" is being used only in German and English anymore. On the Ukrainian pages it is instead now shown as "4th channel" with the longwinded name they announce on air, too.

The web stream labelled "RUI", and apparently this satellite channel, too, carry the 1431 kHz programming. So in short: It's indeed Radio Ukraine International, using another ID for their revived Ukrainian and completely new Russian, whatever the motivation for this approach may be (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

** UKRAINE. Re:
> On the other hand I was pleased to see the report from Georgi
> Bancov via mwdx Yahoo Group that Ukraine has restarted the
> Mykolayiv / Luch transmitter on 1431 to carry limited 1500-1900
> programming of Radio Ukraine International preumably using the
> inline beam of 80 degrees. This conveniently takes the azimuth
> straight between the embattled cities of Mariupul and Donetsk.
> The power normally associated with 1431 is 500kW. Georgi is
> convinced that an 800 kW transmitter is being used. Clarification
> would be welcomed.

The Luch site has an elder 500 kW transmitter, originally for 549 kHz, and two newer 1200 kW transmitters, originally for 972 and 1431 kHz.

It appears that one of the newer transmitters is now being used for 549 kHz. The other one used to be run on 1431 kHz on the SV 2+2 antenna at the southern edge of the station grounds. Maybe it is again this antenna, now in reversed operation. However, in this case two

shortwave antennas would already be within the field of radiation, and they would fully radiate back into the transmitter building.

A completely different variant just appeared with the very concise mention of "LV / 800 kW / 55 deg.". That would be the Krasne site with its Zarya antenna (ex. 936 kHz) in reversed operation.

I think it is rather pointless to speculate about the configuration at this point, in particular since it could of course change from day to day, which would be an explanation for the varying results that can be gathered from monitoring reports.

Either way it is Radio Ukraine International, now in Russian 1500-1700 and Ukrainian 1700-1900 UT, presented as "World Service of Ukrainian Radio", carried besides 1431 kHz also on the established "RUI" web stream and Astra 4A channel (which again used to be // shortwave until they had shut it down completely; the satellite channel should also have replaced the audio circuits to the transmitter sites).
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 13, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

[and non]. Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine World Service, not RUI Dec 10
1500-1700 1431 SMF 800 kW / 004 deg to NERu Russian with new IS, ID
1700-1900 1431 SMF 800 kW / 004 deg to NERu Ukrainian, ex 1500-1900
Co-chs: RAI 1, IRIB and terrible tx of Foititiko Radiofono Thessaloniki
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/transmissions-from-ukraine-on-mw-1431.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #885 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Dec. 16, 2014, dxldyg via DXLD)

** UKRAINE [non]. VOA UKRAINIAN MARKS ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY
December 12, 2014

WASHINGTON, D.C. ó At a celebration at VOA headquarters in Washington honoring the launch, on December 12, 1949, of VOA's first broadcast in Ukrainian, that nation's ambassador announced that a journalist in the Ukrainian Service will receive a prestigious honor from Kyiv. . .
http://www.insidevoa.com/content/voa-ukrainian-marks-its-65th-anniversary/2556985.html
(VOA PR via gh, Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

** U S A. 9305-USB, Dec 17 at 1516, Texas Army MARS net, informal discussion of coax, propagation forecasting, advantages of circular polarization; no IDs until 1524 fonetikaly as TXL and 6JN, on to talk about critical frequency contours over the state of Texas, ionosondes; to resume on Friday. 1531 another pair in contact with abbr`d calls, THN and 6TG. 1538 calling a full ID: AAA6TXL

Here`s a Region 6 Army MARS Net schedule dated Dec 18 [or later]:
https://www.txarmymars.org/resources/netschedule-export.php/format/pdf&ei=zQiTVK-cHrCPsQTIuoL4Bg&usg=AFQjCNGXQDxWn5JQOFSDo4ZWyFjrUDuidw&bvm=bv.82001339,d.cWc&cad=rja
showing AAA6TXL as NCS at 1401 UT on Fri & Sat, but Dec 17 was Wed when the NCS is listed as AAA6TXX. Frequencies of course are encrypted, as they are such sensitive information. 9305 must be M137 or M116. Googling around for info on this, also found a related paper:
http://www.afmars.org/TechTopics/AFA5HK/CRITICAL-FREQUENCY-DETERMINATION.pdf
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 9810, Dec 16 at 1422, ute blatts interspersed with CW IDs for WLO, i.e. Mobile AL coastal station. Hadn`t heard such an ID before on this frequency and was not aware WLO the intruder source. QRMs weaker broadcaster on 9810 which would be BBC Persian via OMAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13564, Dec 12 at 1520, CW beacon GNK is JBA above the ISM hash on 13560, and as I tune carefully with BFO, another beacon is also audible about 1 kHz lower circa 13563, SZX. As per similar report in DXLD 14-43, GNK is Madison WI, SZK in Macomb IL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 14902-USB, Fri Dec 12 at 1525, Civil Air Patrol net with lots of check-ins, mostly weak signals but some strong. Current NCS is a YL with strong signal from the Southwest Region, and like a few of the others, each of her transmissions concludes with a beep, which I tend to associate with CB equipment. At first I thought a tactical call was ``Broadway 43``, but then it`s clearer as ``Tri-blade 43`` (as in old-fashioned propellers?). Refers to what`s being communicated on ``the other frequency``.

On this hi frequency it`s apparently a nationwide net, calling up various regions, North Central first. Arranging relays among stations which can`t hear each other. Other calls heard, mostly tentative, and probably stations calling but some may be stations called: CAP 148, another net control; White Peak 974; Georgia CAP 204; Triblade 19 (YL with beeps); Shiprock 8404 with beeps. At 1536 now: Red Fox 17, Red Robin 103, Red Fox 79, etc., etc. All contacts extremely formal, per protocols, some referred to as ``sir`` but I never hear a ``ma`am``. ``Wilco`` still exists (for will comply).

Triblade is also the name of a hand blender made by Kenwood (would that be the same company making radios??). Searching on that along with CAP I keep getting prompted, Did you mean Tribal? So now I`m less certain that was the word I heard. UDXF yg has no hits on Triblade.

Here`s a thread about CAP callsigns, tho it`s five years old:

http://forums.radioreference.com/utility-listening/146257-civil-air-patrol-hf.html

Red Fox is Illinois, Red Robin is Michigan. Ship Rock, as we already guessed, is New Mexico. Nothing resembling Tri-Blade on it then.

While searching for info, I come across this about the bureaucracy of CAP radio, federal vs state systems:
http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/emergency_services/communications-blog/?why_do_it_the_hard_way&show=entry&blogID=1374
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, ODX LISTENING DIGEST)

Communications: Comm is heating up!
- The USAF has granted the CAP National Traffic Net (NTN) the collective callsign of ìTRIBLADEî. Henceforth, the NTN will also be known as the ìTriblade Netî. Procedures for using this new callsign are being published to all communications managers and HF operators.
- The National Comm Office is continuing to publish weekly broadcast radio messages of interest to all communicators. These messages are called the ìIntercomî and are usually released each Friday on the National Traffic Net (HF). These messages are intended as a training tool and should be relayed to every CAP radio net across the country.
- National HF operators needed: NHQ is accepting applications for HF operators who want to be involved in rebuilding CAPís lost art of radio message handling. Weíre rebuilding the traffic system starting at the national level. If you have operators who would like to participate, have them contact dok@capnhq.gov (from a 14-page pdf, CAP Vector Quarterly National Staff Update, July - September 2014, via Walt, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

** U S A. 21285-USB, Dec 17 at 1440, ``QRZ Europe up 5``, quick contest contacts replying only ``59MD``, never gives his own ID until 1446, ``W1AW Portable 3``; at 1511 says he is in Maryland, now working US stations rather than Europeans. Pileups, as this is part of the all-year ARRL Centennial marathon, countless hams desperate to earn a certificate for working all states, not just any station, but those designated W1AW, even tho their connexion to the original ARRL in Newington is tenuous (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25910/nFM, WQGY434 Eldorado TX relaying KLDE with oldies including `Jingle Bell Rock` & non-xmas stuff. PINNING the s-meter. Full quieting FM decodes much of the time, but with pretty significant fades down to nothing. 55544, 1658-1703 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

** U S A. 25950/nFM, KB99696 relaying KTCL Wheat Ridge CO (presumed) intermittantly modulated for a few seconds at a time. Signal varied from fair to 30 dB over. 1952-2005 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

** U S A. 25990/nFM, WQGY434 // 25910 but not in nearly so well, as usual: 25432, 1658-1703 6/Dec (Ken Zichi, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition, Icom R71A, MARE Tipsheet Dec 12 via DXLD)

** U S A. 15570, Fri Dec 12 at 2057, open carrier from Greenville-B warming up until off at 2058*; then I tune up to 15580 waiting for it to pop on there (meanwhile Vatican relay is apparently not propagating to here, inaudible). 15580 GB carrier comes on at *2058:53, goes off and back on once, a minute later cuts on modulation of a music bit and 2100 officially starts the secret Friday airing of `Music Time in Africa` with hyper Heather, still VG signal during this one hour the frequency emanates from Greenville, backward to here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOA Radiogram, Dec 13-14 === VOA Radiogram this weekend includes news about citizen scientists in coastal California, disputed boundaries in the South China Sea, and the likely closure of a Siberian television station. All in MFSK32, and each with images. Patch the audio from your radio to your computer and decode with Fldigi from w1hkj.com. Details: http://bit.ly/1zgPeqe
(Kim Elliott, via roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

Here, as usual, the results of a good reception and also at the end of this HTML some information about a Sporadic-E-propagation reception in the F2 skip zone. (RMRC-broadcast)
http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2014-12-13.htm
(roger, Dec 14, ibid.)

** U S A. BBG WATCH - WATCHING WORLD MEDIA | VOA DIRECTOR DAVID ENSOR TAKES SHOTS AT AMBASSADOR, FORMER VOA REPORTERS, AND NGO MEDIA WATCH DOG --- Wednesday, December 17, 2014 4:56 PM
http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/voa-director-david-ensor-takes-shots-at-ambassador-former-voa-reporters-and-ngo-media-watch-dog/

December 17, 2014 - BBGWatcher - Board Notes, Featured News, Hot Tub Blog - No Comments === BBG Watch Commentary

IFRAME: http://www.youtube.com/embed/5n6SS-U9_5g?rel=0

At the traditional employee-staged Voice of America (VOA) "Follies," VOA Director David Ensor did not make fun of President Putin or at himself. Despite his status as a senior U.S. government official and director of a U.S. taxpayer-funded news organization, he took shots instead at private American citizens and taxpayers who publish articles on the BBG Watch dog watch website and who with other Americans pay for VOA to stay in business of international media outreach on behalf of the United States.

For the past several years of David Ensor's tenure at the Voice of America, BBG Watch has been exposing almost daily news and management failures at VOA. Voice of America has record-low employee morale among federal agencies of similar size, as measured by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). It registered the largest decline last year among similar federal agencies. (The rating is for the entire agency, the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) and not just VOA, but VOA is the agency's largest entity and has had low employee morale for years.)

In mocking BBG Watch reporting, Ensor made fun of former Broadcasting Board of Governors member, distinguished former U.S. Ambassador Victor Ashe, who is also a multi-term former mayor of Knoxville, TN, implying that he could not be trusted as a news source.

In addition to dismissing BBG Watch, an independent American NGO media website, Ensor also made fun of former Voice of America senior correspondents, a former senior White House correspondent and a former senior national security correspondent who are now private citizens, implying that they were either unproductive or are still unreliable. He also cracked a joke about a small California town of Truckee, where the NGO publishing BBG Watch is based.

The Voice of America is overseen by the bipartisan Broadcasting Board of Governors. VOA's annual budget is about $200 million. David Ensor's annual salary is listed at over $170,000, not counting other federal employment benefits.

BBG Watch, which has exposed numerous management scandals, news failures and waste of U.S. taxpayers' money, is an independent watch dog website run by volunteers. It receives no money from U.S. taxpayers or any other source. BBG Watch reports have been mentioned in the Congressional Record, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, The Washington Examiner, Government Executive, Fox News, NPR and in other U.S. and international media.

BBG Watch has no comment on Mr. Ensor's remarks, but we post this report sent to us by a Washington source in frequent contact with Voice of America reporters.

> "It's obvious that David Ensor, and those who may have written or helped write his script, considered it perfectly acceptable to use this event as a platform for vicious personal attacks against former VOA reporters, not to mention a former U.S. ambassador.
>
> Some federal workers, on the public dime, unwisely joined in, apparently seeing nothing wrong, while in the audience people

laughed out loud or tittered.

Think of it -- what other head of a federal agency (sub-agency in the case of VOA) would think it a good idea to say the kind of things that Ensor did? And have it on video?

But others, current and former employees, who have substantially more spine and the courage to stand up to rampant and damaging mismanagement, not to mention bullying, at VOA/IBB/BBG etc saw it differently.

One called Ensor's performance "tone-deaf, insulting, petty and unnecessary, and beneath this agency."

But then again, there does not seem to be much that is beneath this agency or its discredited management structure, which has fumbled over and over again on important news and Internet coverage, making VOA a true laughingstock in the world of international broadcasting and media.

(These were) Government employees using official time, on government property, to attack a former U.S. ambassador, and a privately-run, independent website that has managed to tell most of the real story about the state of affairs at a discredited federal agency

It's a tragedy, and the joke ultimately is on Americans whose annual taxes go to support what has become an utter embarrassment. Mr. Ensor, and some key figures clinging to their jobs who have [mis]-advised him over the past four years, should leave, pure and simple (BBG Watch via Mike Cooper, DXLD) See also CUBA [and non]

** U S A [and non]. COLD WAR FCC RULES ENTER THE ELECTRONIC AGE

On December 16, 2014, the FCC announced that interested parties may submit applications for International HF Broadcast licenses electronically. Link:

https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1838A1.pdf

Also allowed for electronic filing are applications to deliver programs to foreign broadcast stations, if those stations can be received in the U.S.

Didn't know that FCC permission is required for such programs? Here's the text of Title 47, U.S. Code 325(c):
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(c) Broadcast to foreign countries for rebroadcast to United States; permit.

No person shall be permitted to locate, use, or maintain a radio broadcast studio or other place or apparatus from which or whereby sound waves are converted into electrical energy, or mechanical or physical reproduction of sound waves produced, and caused to be transmitted or delivered to a radio station in a foreign country for the purpose of being broadcast from any radio station there having a power output of sufficient intensity and/or being so located geographically that its emissions may be received consistently in the United States, without first obtaining a permit from the Commission upon proper application therefor.
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This law is implemented in FCC Rule 73.3545, "Application for permit to deliver programs to foreign stations."

In my humble opinion, Glenn, the programming rules for private international HF stations -- which still prescribe detailed restrictions on broadcast content -- and the requirement for government permission to deliver programs to foreign stations are quaint relics of the Cold War. But who has the gumption and wherewithal to challenge them?

Until someone petitions for their removal, carefully following the Commission's formal procedures for such requests, these rules remain on the books and enforceable (Benn Kobb, DC, Dec 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1751 monitoring: pleased to confirm that latest edition appeared at first opportunity on both Global 24 broadcasts via WRMI 9395, Thursday Dec 11 at 2201 and UT Friday Dec 12 at 0030.

Not pleased to confirm that again this week, no attempt was made by WWRB to play WOR at the once-scheduled time of 0430 UT Friday. Dec 12 tune-in webcast at 0424 finds it`s dead air and so is 3185. Finally at 0436 both cut on the new preacher in progress. I`ve kept uploading WOR to the WWRB ftp in case they can use it, but I see no point in doing it further, and lacking any response from Dave about the situation.
[WORLD OF RADIO 1752]

Next:
Friday 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770
Saturday 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB AND 7490
[make-up for missing UT Monday 0400; but will it be 1751 or 1750?]
Saturday 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
[? I was told this time would be added but it hasn`t happened yet]
Saturday 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Sunday 0200 on WH2XDE-1 Victor NY 1750 kHz

Sunday 0231 on KVOH 9975 [we hope; modulation failed last week]
Sunday 1000 on WRMI 5850 [scheduled but could someone confirm?]
Sunday 2300 on WRMI 11580
Monday 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB
Monday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tuesday 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wednesday 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wednesday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1751 monitoring: confirmed Friday Dec 12 at 2130.5 on WRMI 7570 & 15770, both good.

WOR 1751 also confirmed via special make-good airing on Area 51, UT Saturday Dec 13 at 0305.5 via WBCQ both 5110v-CUSB and 7490-AM. `Allan Weiner Worldwide` ran over two hours from 0100, and AW is not delivering his closing prayer until 0302; 0304 plugging his new Free Radio Special. Allan had also mailed me about this Dec 12:

``Hi Glenn, Well- checking in. To try and get more free radio broadcasters on the air legally, we are offering a Free Radio Special open to all. For $20 the hour the FR folks can have access to one of our 50 kW transmitters on 5110 kHz. You can read all the details on the http://wbcq.com site. Why pirate when you can really get out. Have to do all we can to get more good programs on the shortwaves. WBCQ is A-OK. We are a great family of radio folks and love what we do. Bringing free speech to the air. BTW, speaking of free speech. The Hal Turner Show will be returning to WBCQ sometime soon. The more controversy, the better. Hope you are well and have a good Christmas and HNY. Allan``

Unfortunately, propagation from Maine is really bad tonight: 5110 is JBA and 7490 is very poor (and 9330 is no longer on). 7490 is also troubled by splatter from extremely strong WRNO which is active again on 7505.34, more than 15 kHz away! This WOR airing is instead of UT Monday Dec 8 at 0400 on 5110 only, because John Lightning asked for and got an extra hour for his broadcast, pre-empting WOR. Furthermore, Larry Will agreed to air the latest edition of the irregular DX podcast from Hobart Radio International, Tasmania, after WOR, heard starting at 0334 after WBCQ jingle ID. Reception too poor to try to follow now, but it`s available online.

WOR NOT confirmed at 0401 UT Saturday Dec 13 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395, a time I was told would be added; `Jazz from the Left` continued instead, heaving played ``Sunny Side of the Street`` at 0339 check. Lacking anything specific from G24, it`s time to remove this from my

roster.

Keith Perron, of PCJ Radio International, reported at 0222 UT Dec 13: ``It seems Jazz From The Left is the only thing running now on Global Radio 24. And it seems it's the same couple of hours airing. After going though the playlist on the computer for Global Radio 24, very few if any programs have been updated``.

WORLD OF RADIO 1751 monitoring: confirmed on KVOH, 9975, UT Sunday Dec 14 from 0231, strong signal but quite undermodulated. No breaks for the first three minutes and still going at 0257 check, so I assume all was OK. Prior, carrier on at *0224.5, tone at 0227, praise music at 0228, sign-on at 0230. Next:

Sunday 1000 on WRMI 5850 [scheduled but could someone awake confirm?]
Sunday 2300 on WRMI 11580
Monday 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB
Monday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tuesday 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wednesday 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wednesday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WOR is still being aired on Saturdays on 5850 kHz from 1000-1030 UTC, confirmed again yesterday Saturday 13 December. Today I managed to check 5850 on a Sunday for the first time and found it to be carrying Walking in Power at 1000-1020 followed by music until close at 1030. (Dave Kenny, UK, Dec 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

WOR at 1000-1030 --- it will stay WOR Sat and Walking in Power Sunday, until further notice (Jeff White, WRMI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1751 monitoring: JBA on 9395, Global 24 via WRMI, Monday Dec 15 at 2201 --- I think I can recognize my voice, and that`s it. WRMI has now switched transmitters for G24, and antenna to the 181 degree azimuth on hi takeoff angle, which makes for much inferior reception back here in North America, but it should be good in Cuba!

I`m afraid we`ll have to write off listening to G24 at all for the rest of the year until planned resumption of 355 degree antenna for it. Meanwhile, measures have been taken at least to assure that the WOR airings on G24 are only the latest edition. Next:

Wednesday 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wednesday 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1415 on WRMI 9955

Wednesday 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wednesday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1751 monitoring: confirmed UT Wednesday 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395, but signal is now very poor, still so at 0426, and no comparison to RMI on 9955.

Confirmed Wed Dec 17 at 1415 on WRMI 9955, good signal.

Confirmed Wed Dec 17 at 2200 on webcast of WBCQ 7490v; and at 2201 on webcast of Global 24, 9395.

1751 confirmed UT Thu Dec 18 at 0431 on WRMI 9955 (1752 was not finished yet).

WORLD OF RADIO 1752 monitoring: would have aired first at 1330 UT Thursday Dec 18 --- but 9955 and all other WRMI transmitters (7570, 9395, 11580, 11825, 15770, 17790) are off the air. What`s wrong?

Next, maybe:
Thursday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Friday 0030 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
[UT Friday 0430v on WWRB 3185: assumed canceled, no file sent them]
Friday 2130 on WRMI 7570 (only frequency on NW antenna) & 15770
Saturday 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Saturday 1000 on WRMI 5850
Sunday 0231 on KVOH 9975
Sunday 2300 on WRMI 11580
Monday 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB
Monday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tuesday 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wednesday 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wednesday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9955
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9955, Dec 11 at 0619, WRMI is still inaudible like it was at 0430 for World of Radio, q.v. Only a bit of pulse jamming; while 9395 G24 is JBA now, but further signals like BBC 9915, 9460 are OK.

9955 is slightly better at 1330 Dec 11, but only JBA, while nearest other SW station, Cuba 9850 is very good, as is higher WRMI 11825; and 9395 with Global 24 is also very good now, unlike 9955. Something must be wrong with 9955.

Jeff White replies at 1648 UT Dec 11: ``I think it's still on 181,

with high takeoff angle, until later today. Then we'll go back to 160. Been doing some maintenance on transmitter 10. Jeff``

17790, Dec 11 at 1358, gospel music already playing from Radio Africa Network via WRMI, supposedly *1400.

9955, Dec 14 at 0611, fado fill music from WRMI instead of Brother Scare who is scheduled daily at 06-11 on 9955; good signal, 0613 on to a Spanish song; incomparably improved programming.

7455, Dec 15 at 0023, tune-in WRMI late to the Rhein-Main Radio Club special, interviews recorded at EDXC Conference, Sept in Nice, France. Anker Peterson of DSWCI is mentioning how they plan to close down the club at the end of 2016 as most of the members are aging. At 0036 it`s Alex --ñ from St Petersburg. At 0040 Dave Kenny of BDXC-UK; 0049 Christian Ghibaudo, organizer of the conf. It seems they had 29 people attending from 9 countries, which is considered a success. Music fill later, and surprised at 0057 to hear QUA QUA QUA sent in Morse. What`s that? Did they intend to send QRA?? No, per Wikipedia, ``QUA: Have you news of (call sign)? --- Here is news of (call sign)`` Then `Chariots of Fire`; 0100 cut to R. Paradise (TruNews). 7455 was by far best here, but also on 5850 poor, and 5015 JBA. All three normally start at 0100 with TruNews.

There`s another repeat of the RMRC special scheduled for Monday Dec 15 at 2100 on WRMI 15770, but I don`t get it tuned in until 2112. Now it`s David Ricquish from NZ, then George Brown from Scotland, someone from Arctic, and Anker again. I didn`t think to check 7570 which is normally // 15770 during the 21-22 breakaway from BS, but at 2158 I am hearing the same fill music there. Jeff White confirms the RMRC hour was also on unpublicized 7570 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Changes of WRMI Okeechobee effective from December 15:
Global 24 via tx#06, ex tx#01
0000-2400 on 9395 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg to CARR [sic] English, ex same 355 deg to ENAm [but already changed back to 355 degrees -- gh]

Family Radio via tx#14
2300-2400 NF 7730 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg to MEXI Spanish, ex 5950/181 deg to CARR [sic]
0000-0100 NF 7730 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg to MEXI Spanish, ex 5950/181 deg to CARR [sic]

WRMI programs via tx#14 + video on Dec. 16
0100-0300 on 7730 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg to MEXI Various, addititional broadcast // 9955
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/usa-changes-of-wrmi-okeechobee-from.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #885 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Dec. 16, 2014,

dxldyg via DXLD)

Altho the 01-03 block on 9955 has no need for jamming, in case it is, 7730 is now // and presumably will remain unjammed. This includes several additional frequency-times for Viva Miami, Wavescan (gh, DXLD)

17790, Dec 17 at 1438, no signal from R. Africa Network via WRMI. By 24 hours later, all WRMI frequencies missing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Well, it's just over 1 month since Global Radio 24 went to air. I`m curious to know if I'm the only one to notice a few odd things.

1: On December 7th we were supposed to relay a special hour for them. But we never got the file. Days before all our emails went unanswered except for one. It only said "yes postpone ...srry ". And that was it. All other emails also went unanswered to two different people at the station.

2: Their website, twitter accounts have been almost silent since the end of November. On December 8th there was a tweet and facebook posting. A picture of an old radio and nothing more. The last entry on the website was November 27th.

3: The schedule seems not to match what is on air. A few times people have written saying the same PCJ shows are repeated for 2 weeks. They were only updated after I went into their FTP and removed them and updated the shows.

4: A few listeners have contacted me asking if anyone at the station replies. Well, all my emails and someone else at PCJ have gone unanswered. Also emails from someone who is even closer to the station than we are.

Anyone else have any odd experiences with them in the last few weeks. I find it very strange that before they launched announcements were coming daily, just as they were in the beginning. But then silence (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Dec 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Keith, I've had the same observations and experiences with Global 24 Radio. I'm not hearing any new ads on the station and they play "You`re So Vain" by Carly Simon and "Ventura Highway" by America too much as filler. Also some programs are being repeated too much.

I think we are hearing the harsh realities of trying to make $$$ in a commercial venture on shortwave radio. But I have really enjoyed their programming when it's not a repeat. Hopefully things will improve for

them or they will be playing "Another One Bites The Dust" by Queen
(Thomas F. Giella, W4HM, dxldyg via DXLD)

9395, Thu Dec 11 at 1333, Global 24 via WRMI is relaying KBS World Radio in show about folk tales, and a very good strong signal, unlike 9955, so maybe really 315-degree antenna altho WRMI frequency schedule grid continues to show 355 degrees for 9395 at all times.

At 1400 change to Old Time Radio hour, on `Upstate Radio Theater` (meaning New York, or what? Lots of states have up and down parts), and it`s the *same* episode we have heard a few times before, `Woodbury Show Starring Bing Crosby` dated September 18, 1934, as that season was beginning (just like TV ``seasons`` still begin around fall equinox today). First song is ``Love in Bloom`` but only a teaser, as he sings it in full at 1426 recheck; 1430 Woodbury soap ad. Yet another instance of G24 playing the same old shows over and over. It seems keeping a 24/7 schedule updated with new content cannot be achieved, sigh. For this to succeed financially they need to be in it for the long haul.

9395, Friday Dec 12 at 0634, no Radio France International relay on Global 24 via WRMI --- it had been quite reliable during this hour at least on weekdays. Instead I noted ``wild jazz``, good signal (better than fair-poor 9955). 0636 seguÈ to ``Good Day, Sunshine``, 0638 outro as Beatles not on jazz show, but `The Rockpile` with Raoul. He goes to a ``2 minute`` break promising more music, but instead, at 0639 European News Network comes on at odd time, the 15-minute news review, starting interview with a Lesbian about Turkey not recognizing the existence of LGBTI people, who thus have no rights and no legal protexion. (Hmmm, ``Lesbian`` being of Greek origin, Turx may not like them for that reason either?) 0653 waltz theme wrapup, 0654 jingle for KBC (a promo?), 0655 `Feature Story News` originating from Washington, seems up to date; recheck 0700, ad for Benito Radio Jet (??) available at Universal Radio, and ConnectorZone.com ad; 0701 back to `Rockpile`, and Raoul says Beach Boys song to follow, ``Good Vibrations`` is in stereo as if that`s something unusual, not originally issued so? Oh yeah, no stereo on SW, he admits, but soon will have podcasts and streaming in stereo. Time for me to QRT.

What`s the opposite of QRT? My next check of 9395 is at 1514, when classical piano music is playing instead of `Democracy Now`, even tho it`s still a weekday. Also at 1541, the rather overexposed `1812 Overture` fill music, a fate Pyotr Ilyich would not have appreciated.

9395, UT Sat Dec 13 at 0658, Global 24 via WRMI, news report with French accent, so evidently RFI relay is back on the 0600 hour, unlike last night. At 0705 recheck, now it`s `Switzerland in Sound`, old chat between The Two Bobs lamenting turnoff of the last three Swiss Radio

MW channels, 765 finally, remarking at that time that RNW was still on SW, and also about events of Dec 7 so evidently chosen from archive to match the anniversary date a few years later.

9395, next check Sat Dec 13 at 1548, outro a piece on `Classics & Beyond`, on to more flute music; 1559 announces that this was sponsored by Universal Radio, then a ConnectorZone ad which is merely supporting Global 24 in general with plenty of spots too. 1600 on to Deutsche Welle relay, All four programs now match their google spreadsheet schedule.

9395, Sunday Dec 14 at 1359, ME music, 1400 Global 24 ID, 1401 back to weekly R. Cairo relay with `Modern Egypt`, YL speaker; fairly readable, but there is some buzz in the background; as she is wrapping show at 1405 I distinctly hear a child crying in background, so must have had to bring it with her to work even in the studio. 1406 ``final program`` is about a museum in Alexandria dating from Mohammed Ali, including something of platinum; 1409 that`s already ending, title maybe `Life & Times of Egypt`? and into songs for the rest of the transmission which will surely end around 1420 requiring more fill music from G24.

Good signal, but is not going to be so good for a couple of weeks. Jeff White tells me, ``Glenn: As of Monday, we are going to be experimenting with Global 24 on the 181-degree antenna to the Caribbean for a couple of weeks while we work on an antenna project here. It could be a little longer than that, or it could be shorter. When we are finished, we will probably put Global 24 on one of the 355-degree antennas full-time. 181 is high-angle to Cuba/Caribbean. The 355's are not. So that will likely come in a lot better in your location, although the center is still beamed further east. We only have two 315-degree antennas, and they are on transmitters 11 and 12, which are mostly sold to Brother Stair. Jeff``

And the WRMI graphic frequency schedule effective Dec 15 is already up, showing G24 moved from #1 transmitter at 355 degrees to #6 at 181. BTW, one other transmitter not in use at all is #5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9395, Dec 15 at 0633, Global 24 via WRMI, fair-good with fill music: ``Horse with No Name``, 0634 jarring seguÈ to Bach (the same familiar piece as always: there are so many of them that I`m not sure of the title of this one). So once again, scheduled programming from G24 has crashed, setting off the far-too-limited repertoire of fill music. They really need to expand it for more variety! I understand that they are trying to become more reliable.

By 2201 UT Dec 15, the 9395 signal is JBA, as WRMI has switched from

#1 transmitter on 355 degree antenna, to #6 on 181 degrees and hi takeoff angle best for close-in coverage. At 0644 UT Dec 16 check, it`s fair with RFI relay during sports segment, but much weaker than usual in the nightmiddle. At 1420 Dec 16, 9395 is very poor, weaker than 9400 KURDISTAN [non]. At 1501, 9395 is JBA, then I can recognize the voice of Amy Goodman but cannot copy what she is saying on `Democracy Now`.

The 9395 transmitter #6 is now the historic Wilkinson unit originally at R. ClarÌn, Dominican Republic, and then at WRMI Hialeah during the pre-Okeechobee years. Peter W Hansen reports:

``This is what I learned about transmitters #5 & #6 when I was there for the open house. #5 does not work and will probably never work. Cannot get parts to repair. #6 has just been installed after move from Miami. The original #6 was removed after the end of Family Radio and before Radio Miami took over`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm quickly growing displeased with the content on "Global 24." Scheduling is erratic. Lot of fill music (including hours where Carly Simon's "You're So Vain" is played twice. For some bizarre reason, the fill music I am listening to at 1450 is faded down to play a 3-day-old newscast from Feature Story News. As much as I am pleased to see this effort, it is doomed to failure if this keeps up (Mike Cooper, Dec 15, DXLD)

Anyone hearing Global 24 on 9395? Nothing last night and nothing heard right now 2125 UT. Their Internet feed is working but not shortwave. Anyone has news? 73 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, Dec 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Gilles. Global 24 very strong here in Miami on 9395 kHz, 2250 UT, PCJ Show. 73 (Dino Bloise, ibid.)

OK, thank you for the reply. Must be propagation nothing here on 9395. Really weird. Sent from my iPhone (Gilles, 2310 UT, ibid.)

Re: Global 24 radio 9395? Yes, my experience here in eastern Newfoundland is like yours. After they made their recent antenna changes, their formerly reliable reception here in the day was reduced to not much over ambient noise. The past day or two there has been nothing day or night when I have checked (Philip Hiscock, 2307 UT Dec 16, ibid.)

OK, wow, sad to hear nothing here in Montreal (Sent from my iPhone, Gilles, 2311 UT, ibid.)

Just contacted WRMI. The reason for the poor propagation to the north

is that there is work being done on the transmitter beaming in that direction that Global 24 has been using. For approximately the next two weeks, WRMI on 9395 kHz will be beamed south on another transmitter until work on their regular transmitter is completed. So, for those of us to the far north of Miami, we'll have to hope for some good "backsplatter" propagation to hear Global 24 with any degree of comfort (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, 0354 UT Dec 17, ibid.)

9395, Dec 17 at 0400, semiminute of `Feature Story News` on Global 24 via WRMI, just before WORLD OF RADIO, is really ``Olds`` as the casualty count at the Pakistan school massacre is given as only 80 + 20, much lower than we have been hearing all day on other media.

9395, Global 24: for the rest of the year, at least, to be on WRMI-6, the 50 kW Wilkinson unit ex-Hialeah, and on a hi-takeoff-angle antenna beamed 181 degrees, all combining for useless reception in most of North America. Dec 17 at 0152 it`s very poor to just barely audible. Meanwhile, 11825 BS is blasting in as usual.

Dec 17 at 1420 check, cannot hear 9395 at all! Anyhow, no QRM for 9400 KURDISTAN [non] which is fair and clear. Dec 17 at 1515, still no signal on 9395 --- is it totally off or totally unpropagating? Dec 18 at 0431, nothing audible on 9395 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Fortunately, back to 355 antenna and normal reception Dec 18

** U S A. Here in L.A., we are planning to expand our evening broadcasts on 9975 kHz to run 7 days per week from Jan 1st. Exact times and program line-up are still being finalized. Also, our newly acquired 100 kW transmitter for KVOH was moved into our transmitter building on Chatsworth Peak this past Wednesday (photos attached). We are now working to install it, and hope to have it on the air during January.

You are welcome to convey any of this news in your next WOR, if you wish (Ray Robinson, Operations Manager
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Dec 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ZAMBIA!

** U S A. 5110-, CUSB, UT Sat Dec 13 at 0714, surprised to hear jazz on good signal, slightly offset low, so no doubt it`s WBCQ on the air much later than usual. 5110 is FCC-available 24 hours, and maybe Allan has already sold some more time on it to free radio broadcasters. The Area 51 schedule was supposed to end at 0500:
http://www.worldmicroscope.com/
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 15550-USB, Dec 13 at 1455, WJHR gospel-huxter almost sounds like an AM station, as the R. Tamazuj carrier via VATICAN is already on the air prior to 1500 broadcast. But WJHR talk is slightly off-pitch, not a perfect fit to the carrier frequency, nor is the carrier strong enough to keep the S-meter from bouncing; and both will be useless in a few minutes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12105, Dec 12 at 1518, Xmas music with VG signal, so WTWW-3 is on the air earlier now, and not // other Xmas music on WTWW-2, 9930, as Ted is overloading listeners with this stuff, lacking anything more significant to occupy airtime. But what will happen Dec 26?

12105, Dec 14 at 1953, open carrier/dead air from WTWW-3. Just for giggles, I leave the YB-400 on this frequency with the volume turned up and it stays dead all afternoon, finally coming to life Dec 15 at 0012 with some music and talk in unID language, probably Yoruba as originally scheduled for after midnite in Nigeria; but at 0014 switch to Mitch Miller for Xmas music, 0016 First Noel, 0021 ID and Joy to the World. By now the signal is fading, only fair. Ted`s Xmas music extravaganzas on WTWW-2 and WTWW-3, lacking any paid programming, would not be so boring if he played something other than the same old carols over and over. There is a lot of beautiful but unfamiliar Xmas music out there from other countries, epochs.

9930 & 5085, Dec 17 at 0156, both WTWW-2 frequencies are off, no Xmas music, while 9475 is on, and so is 12105 very poor with Russian vs CODAR. 5085 is still off at 0552 Dec 17. 9930, Dec 18 at 1520, Skater`s Waltz, 1522 Sleigh-Ride, with hum and lo-fi. WTWW transmitters are really not suitable for music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505.34 approx., Dec 13 at 0304, WRNO preacher is very strong and splattering as far as 7490 to QRM much weaker signal from WBCQ as WORLD OF RADIO special airing is about to start. I haven`t been checking for it every night, so not sure when WRNO reactivated, but it continues to go and come (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7505.29, WRNO, 0230 on December 15. Non-stop contemporary Christian music. Far cry from the Rock of New Orleans of old, but I digress. Fair to good signal strength with little fading and no interference. Good modulation. At 0258 ID'ed as WRNO Worldwide and announced both e-mail and snail mail (via Fort Worth, Texas) addresses. Religious program and sermon starting 0300. Signal still good (Jim Andrew (Houston, Texas, USA) - Funcube Pro+ SDR running SDR Console, SPR-4, 8m high amateur band vertical, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jim, Also heard here in Calif. on Dec 15, from tune in at 0156 on 7505.28v and noted drifting down to about 7505.24v. Last time I heard them in early Dec they had a very strong hum, which is now gone; in fact now with good audio and strong signal. Still on at 0427 (Ron Howard, ibid.)

** U S A. Re 14-50: [dxld] Looking for KJES aircheck

There are several clips on YouTube, be sure to use 'radio' in your search term. Many clips are of poor audio quality, but there's one with 35 seconds of clear ID in English at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFpvu5bGA-s
(David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. WMLK stalled: see 1540 KXEL Log below

** U S A. 560, Dec 14 at 0615 UT I am getting two stations carrying `Coast to Coast AM`, but of course, not synchronized. First one from the E/W, and 4 seconds later, another from the NW/SE. Altho there are several further 560 affiliates, I am sure these two are my closest: KWTO Springfield MO, and KLVI Beaumont TX (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 880-CUSB, Dec 14 at 1333 UT, Xmas carol, live announcement in English and another; nothing on LSB and loops E/W so obviously KHAC Tse Bonito NM still on ND day pattern and power before sunrise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 900, Dec 11 at 1312 UT, ``All-Ag News``, fading by 1318 UT. Must be Floydada TX flagship of this minor network, KFLP, which once had a big dog relay here in Enid, 1640 while it was known as KOAG, for less than a year, one of many successive formats that have FLoPped.

Well, its website http://www.allagnews.com/ seems timely and with podcasts available, but nothing about any other stations relaying, so belay that about `flagship`. KFLP itself is only 250 watts day, 7 watts (ha, ha) night. Oh oh, official sunrise in December is not until 1345 UT (SS 2345 UT; January: 1345-2400 UT). FCC Correspondence File does show they have a PSRA of 3.0 watts! Most of the year, surging to 6 or 5 watts in June and July, the ``limiting station`` being XEW!

1) What`s the point of a PSRA which is LOWER than the authorized night power? 2) XEW hardly needs any protexion from Floydada considering there`s now a station in between in Monterrey NL plus four other XEs on 900, unclearing 900 for XEW`s alleged 250 kW. 3) What`s the point of ANY AM station running less than 10 watts, with loads of QRM on every channel at night? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I don`t always publish replies and follow-ups to my logs in subsequent log reports: for that you need to see the `final` editions in DX LISTENING DIGEST. But here are a couple prompted by my remarx about PSRA and PSSA powers concerning KFLP 900 TX: (gh)

Regarding KFLP 900, Pre Sunrise Authority (PSRA) or Post Sunset Authority (PSSA):

It's my understanding that if your night power is MORE then the Post Sunset Authority power, you can use your night power instead. I worked for one station on 1590 and if I wasn't going to sign off at sunset, I could use 27 watts at night. However, my post sunset power was anywhere between 4 and 11 watts. I could've used that 27 watts and been OK.

Most stations I know who have pre sunrise authority have a pretty healthy power. I had 500 watts, and the records were at the station, not in the FCC database, but that 500 W was better then the night power.

I assume if your night power was more then the pre sunrise authority, you could use your night power there instead, just like you did at post sunset (Paul B. Walker, Jr., CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That is generally correct. If a station has a higher night power, they have the option to use it instead; however, there are some special exceptions where a different pattern is also specified for the PSSA or PSRA which is more restrictive than the night pattern. This is to prevent unwanted twilight interference from sunrise or sunset skip (Russ Edmunds, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, To add to your thread on Pre Sunrise Authority (PSRA). My understanding is you could apply to use your PSRA if you felt your PSRA power and day time pattern would be beneficial even if you had an un-limited license. WQXI 790 Atlanta runs 28 kW day, 1 kW Night DA-Nights. Their night pattern is so riddled with nulls, that they choose to run their 500 watt PSRA on their non-DA day pattern from 6 AM to sunrise during the year when applicable to aid their morning drive coverage. Kind regards, (Brock Whaley, Ireland, Dec 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 910, Dec 11 at 1316 UT, outro to `American Story with Tom Brokaw`, says it`s on at 7:15 am and in the 1 and 5 pm hours [ergo cited in CST which inhabits NW ND, while the SW corner is on MST], then Minot ads, so it`s KCJB getting out well again before sunrise. This 5 kW signal has opposite patterns day and night: SW and NE respectively, so must be on day pattern now, despite official December

& January FCC sunrise not until 1430 UT! Nothing in FCC Correspondence Folder about a PSRA.

As for Tom`s show, must be only a minute or two; first time I had almost heard it, but started over a year ago per: http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/tom-brokaw-launches-syndicated-radio-651227 Supposedly only on ``select Clear Channel stations`` including WOR and KFBK. No surprise he`s heard from ND, his home state (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1150, Dec 11 at 1321 UT, `Blue Velvet` ending, ``music on AM sounds so good --- Fox``. Best heard with N/S KSAL KS nulled, but DF on this one is more like ENE/WSW. I hunt around for likelies: not Osage Beach MO, which is news/talk; could be KDEF Albuquerque reactivated? Nothing certain about that. KNED McAlester OK is country, and BTW website claims 1150 to be in stereo, not so indicated in the NRC AM Log. Finally find a match at KHRO El Paso TX, http://www.fox1150.com/ It`s 5000/380 watts U1, i.e. always non-direxional. FCC AM Query however, shows day hours in Dec are 1400-2400 UT (Jan: 1400-0030 UT). No PSRA info. Enid Sunrise today: 1333 UT, to reach 1343 UT in a month (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hi Forest, I wonder if you can hear 1370 KGNO Dodge City, or if not when you last heard it? As far as I can tell it has been off the air for several weeks now, unless very low power. 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, to Forest Osborn, Hooker OK, via DXLD)

KGNO is one of my so-called locals, about 100 miles, so I don't try to listen to them often. I will check tomorrow and let you know. As far as I know, they are still on. I appreciate the information that Glenn provides. Since we are in different parts of the state, it is interesting to see what Glenn and John Reed hear as compared to my reception out here in the Panhandle. I will check on KGNO and let you know (Forest (Frosty) Osborn, ibid.)

** U S A. 1540, Sunday Dec 14 at 1346 UT, phones, address and website for Assemblies of Yahweh being given from NE/SW. Obviously it`s KXEL in Waterloo IA, which is on the few-station roster as of Oct 2013 at: http://assembliesofyahweh.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Radio-and-TV-Log.pdf but at a different time, Sundays at 11:30-12:00 pm [CST = UT -6] whatever that meant, before noon or before midnite?

KXEL does not provide a plain old program schedule, but at http://www.kxel.com/index.php/On-Air/Weekend_Programming a bunch of secular talk shows without giving the times!

WMLK may have been off shortwave 9265 for years and years, but we can still hear defunct Elder Jacob O Meyer? or his successor with a

similar voice/accent. ``EJOM 1934-2010``

The profusely illustrated and detailed page,
http://wmlkradio.net/antenna_update_progress.htm
has NO entries since March 26, 2012!

That station Log has some other interesting entries such as an imaginary ``Radio Anguilla, 1530`` [maybe `sold` by a phony broker?]; also defunct MW split frequencies for DominÌca and Grenada. The only other US stations are WWSM-1510 Lebanon PA; KBXD-1480 Dallas TX; WWVA-1170 Wheeling WV; KAAY-1090 Little Rock AR (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1590, Dec 15 at 0638 UT, as I tune by, immediately hear ID as ``95-7 The Force`` (?), but searching this leads nowhere on the WTFDA FM database, nor Googling. The answer is in the NRC AM Log, searching 1590 by eye, line by line, to find: KGFK East Grand Forks MN, U4 5000/1000, is // K239BG, ``95-7 The Forks``. NRC Pattern Book shows at night it`s supposed to be from SW to NE, null to the SE. Day pattern would be better for us, cardioid with null to the WSW. Yet another station allowing the translator tail to wag the dog of an AM frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I did not see the following reports until later: (gh)

Glenn, They have been cheating a couple of times. Once last week that I know of and this morning (Todd Skaine, MN, Dec 16, ABDX via DXLD)

Cheating --- 1590 E Grand Forks, 1570 Golden Valley both cheating Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, Sony ICF 2010, Superradio 2, Grundig S350 & M400, Toyota car radio, 1128 UT Dec 11, MDXC yg via DXLD) Also 1530 Arkansas with black gospel (Skaine, 1131 UT, ibid.)

** U S A. New antenna array and WPQZ702 on 1610 --- For the past couple seasons here my desired western antenna system here in Barrington IL has been a broadside array of two DKAZ antennas aimed due west. Each antenna is 120' x 21' using 23' masts with the bottom wires 2' above ground. Broadside array means side by side and there was 265' between the two DKAZ. I'd prefer to have about 340' spacing but don't have that much land here aimed E-W. Anyhow, 265' spacing provided a nice narrowing of the main beam aimed West (or east if I wanted to swap feeds and termination resistors (Rt). However, the DKAZ along the southern edge of my field was only 20 ft away from parallel power lines running down my street. I knew these lines were making a mess of the pattern and adding noise as well, but could often make do anyhow. Empirically I noted that I could get reasonable termination on quite a few frequencies using 470 ohms, but there were still quite a few frequencies that weren't well terminated and sometimes backend

stations leaking thru.

EZNEC modelling showed me three things, 1) that // wires 20 ft away mess up the back nulls in a big way. 2) That, indeed the lower Rt is needed for better termination due to coupling from the wires. 3) That if I move about 50 ft further from the power lines, they'll have almost no effect on the pattern. (Even moving 30 ft would help lots). Therefore, I moved the one DKAZ further into my property yesterday. I'll take it down in April once mowing starts but we have no use for the field other than DX in the winter.

Since the new location is aimed right at my house I decided to stagger it in relation to the other DKAZ and install it 40 ft further east hoping to pick up less household QRN. This results in a 6 degree beamshift to 264 degrees rather than due west at 270 when both antennas are connected in phase. Given the constant semi-auroral conditions this season I don't mind riding with that cx and aiming a bit south of west.

The older DKAZ terminates well with 690 ohms, I installed a 690 ohm resistor at the end of the new DKAZ and was quite happy with the results, indicating little in any coupling from power lines. Both antennas might benefit from a little Rt tweaking (maybe +/- 20 ohms) but the time to do that is not late afternoon this time of the year when skip from the east is starting as levels change to much for accurately measuring deep nulls. Note that my south DKAZ terminates with 875 ohms and that each one of these antennas is a different animal with regards to best Rt to get good nulls across the band.

With it being warmer than usual and rather windy here, the new DKAZ was still getting lots of intermittant buzzing QRM from another bad powerline but that buzz isn't constant and I can usually DX past it. However, I may test moving that antenna closer to my house which will put that buzz spot (SE direction) further away and more into the termination null.

With spacing of 214 ft, this is basically an upper band antenna as the two elements are too close to provide much beam narrowing on the low end. I tried some beam steering with phasing in the afternoon. The Wellbrook Array Controller's phasing is time delay. I easily nulled out SS from WJTI 1460 and I don't think that I've ever heard WIXN that well during the day. It was clear to me that I was also steering the main beam more towards the SSW than 264 deg and that effect was noted all over the upper half of the band.

OK evening came, and I decided to go with the cx and steer the main beam further towards the SW by nulling down KSTP 1500 from my NW. EZNEC shows that I probably had the high end main beam aimed about 240

deg and with beamwidths from about 60-75 degrees. (60 at the extreme high end where 214 ft is a decent spacing). Stuff from KS, OK, MO, AR and even further south was clearly better with phasing than on a single antenna. 1570 XERF was often loud, but when I'd reverse the phase (aiming the main beam somewhat north of west, they'd be gone. KRJO 1680 was in a huge null and gone when I reversed phase, leaving Iowa DOT TIS's basically alone.

With the beam aimed about 235-240 deg, I noted bits of a TIS on 1610 occasionally (maybe 1% of the time) getting thru CHHA nuisance. CHHA is reduced by termination but not killed. I managed to hear "happened on Aug 3, 1837".

Hmm, time for google but I strike out. Hmm, conditions and high band logs are all basically from near my SW, so what tourism is there SW of the Chicago area? OK, Springfield and Abe Lincoln. Aha: on Aug 3, 1837 Lincoln was at a dinner in Athens IL called the Long Nine Banquet and toasted the moving of the state capitol from Vandalia to Springfield.

Careful and repeated listening to my Perseus recordings indeed has enough mentions for me to be sure that I logged WPQZ702.

Callsign: WPQZ702
Licensee: MENARD, COUNTY OF
Radio Service: Public Safety Pool, Conventional (PW)
City: PETERSBURG, IL
Status: Active
Grant Date: 12/15/2005
Expiration: 12/19/2015
Site: 1 Address: 1/4 MI E OF THE SR 97 AND COAL MINE RD INTERCHANGE
City: PETERSBURG, IL County: MENARD Coordinates: 39 57' 54.2" N, 89
50' 22.4" W

http://www.visitmenardcounty.com/styled-9/
http://abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/sites/longnine.htm

Hmm, DXing and history all together! Note that of course, with the two antennas side by side and not staggered I could also steer the main due west beam about +/- 20-25 deg and sometimes did. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL, Dec 14, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. WRCR to 1700 soon ---
http://radioinsight.com/community/topic/wrcr-to-1700-am-soon/
(via Artie Bigley, Dec 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD) Viz.:

WRCR 1300 is saying they are moving to 1700 AM on the Dial from 500 Watts to 10,000 Watts at 1700 AM. Covering all five boroughs, New Jersey and the Hudson Valley. They have started a contest for best

radio slogan. Winner gets $100.00. I wonder how soon we can expect testing on 1700 AM?

https://www.facebook.com/WRCR1300AM
http://www.wrcr.com/2014/10/18/announcing-new-wrcr-2/
Read belowÖ

WRCR Radio Sincere Thanks to Our Loyal Audience and Advertisers As We Continue to Grow! COMING SOON: WRCR AM-1700! WRCR is Expanding from 500 Watts to 10,000 Watts And moving up the dial to 1700AM, Our airwaves will reach all five boroughs, the Hudson Valley and New Jersey We want you ñ our loyal [Ö]
December 13, 2014 at 10:18 am #127585
(Steve Green, Participant, radioinsight.com via DXLD)

I had asked elsewhere, Dave, about a few things. Never got a response.

a) I understand that WRCR needs/needed Canadian clearance before FCC approval? Why so? Were there places on the X-Band where Canada was given the ëclearí or protection rights?

b) Why the change of COL? They were Nanuet at one time, then Spring Valley. And now Ramapo?

c) Does 1300 go dark or be sold? If I had that nice little standalone building where they used to broadcast, Iídíve kept it, used one tower for 1700 and rented the 1300 towers to a new co-tenant ó just so I could continue doing radio from that idyllic setting. But it ainít my money. The ënew WRCRí would have their reasons for any other plans.

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From the moment they signed on (as WRRC) back in the 60ís, I always liked that little station. WRKL elected to use their signal to be the full-service MoR for a while (and very well) but WRRC elected to be the rock-and-roller for a spell. Iíd thought that we DXers (down by JFK Airport) would have a hard time getting the new station, but no; there they were, an easy catch with WAVZ New Haven nulled.
December 15, 2014 at 2:15 pm #127666 (Dave, Participant, ibid.)

Hereís the coverage Map of WRCR 1700 AM
http://www.wrcr.com/wp-content/uploads/WRCR-DAYTIME-COVERAGE-MAP-10242014.pdf
December 15, 2014 at 4:52 pm #127678 (limegrass69, Participant, ibid.)

ìReachingî all 5 boros and actually being reasonably listenable are two very different things. Should be an interesting listen once they get this thing turned on. I donít expect big things here given the power and dial positionÖ

December 15, 2014 at 6:35 pm #127683 (Dave, Participant, ibid.)

Steve, I donít believe WRCR needs any Canadian clearance from the FCC as the signal is 10,000 Watts day time only and 1000 Watts at night. Ramapo might be where the studio is located. I think WRCR 1300 might go dark but Iím not sure if WRCR has the option of staying on the air for a certain time period to announce they are at the New 1700 AM.
December 15, 2014 at 7:56 pm #127686

I wish all of the listeners from the 5 boroughs would love to put oldies on 1700 AM which would be a great spot on the dial playing lots of 50ís and 60ís music including Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Rolling Stones, the Beach Boys, Lesly Gore, Roy Orbison, classic Motown, the British Invasion, and lots more to follow on the new 1700 AM. I hope a lot of die-hard oldies fans of the old WCBS-FM would love to hear it. Now that ìFox Oldiesî and ìMagic 590? now has oldies, I hope oldies will come to 1700 AM since NYC never got an oldies station since WCBS-FM flipped to ìJackî almost 10 years ago, I hope it will be a smart move (musicradio77, participant, ibid.) Attributions may be mixed up

** U S A. Catholic Media Productions has received the call letters for its low power FM: WBOU (WBOU-LP). Bridge Of Understanding. It was a real fight to come up with any call letters with a meaning. All call letters were taken that we wanted. Our newsletter is called the "Bridge". On the top of the newsletter is the statement that we are a "bridge of understanding". When we came up with the WBOU we realized that is was perfect without any original thought of the Bridge newsletter. I did find a list of call letter that were available but not well maintained. 100.5, 100 watts at 175 feet (George McClintock, Nashville TN, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

George, 1. So are you personally involved in this project?
2. Did you know WBOU was the call of one of the VOA SW transmitters long gone, Bound Brook NJ? (Glenn to George, via DXLD)

1. Yes. Director of Radio for CMP.
2. NO (George, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 9635.07, Voice of Vietnam 1, Hanoi-Sontay; seemingly back on frequency from 9635.8, Woman in Vietnamese 1435z with national news and announcements. Co-channel TAIWAN Sound of Hope, both about the same level. I have been spending some time on Global Tuners lately. It is amazing what one can hear! (Steven Wiseblood, AB5GP, using Receiver: VR2HF's **Hong Kong DX** Global Tuner 12/16/2014, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. BABCOCK music, instead of Voice of Vietnam on Dec 16 from 1800 on 5955 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu English

from 1830 on 5955 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu Vietnamese
Videos:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/12/babcock-music-instead-of-voice-of.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

In case it's the same tonight those who can receive Hotbird could
check out the source:
http://de.kingofsat.net/tp.php?tp=5401

(Yes, another SID of this mux just six digits down is another common
audio source for shortwave transmissions.)

This is indeed the source for the Moosbrunn relay; at least it was
years ago when by mistake completely unrelated TV program audio from
this mux had been put on at London. Not at Moosbrunn which does not
take the Hotbird feed itself because Babcock insists on routing
anything through their Schaltraum (to use the German term) for
whatever reasons (Kai Ludwig, Dec 17 dxldyg via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. [Re 14-50:] Hello Glenn, Thank you very much
the informations. They are very interesting to me. It seems that the
Polisario station does not broadcast on 6297 khz currently, but it is
active on 1550 khz mediumwave. In Hungary it is impossible to hear the
Polisario on mediumwave due to heavy interference from nearer
stations; I heard it only on 6297 khz when it was on the air some
years ago. That's why I remember to this station (Tibor Gaal, Hungary,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. Hi, Glenn. Last week, the parent organization of Voice of
Hope completed a transaction to purchase the former Christian Vision
shortwave transmission site near Lusaka, Zambia. The facility includes
150 acres of land, 12 buildings, 2 Continental 100 kW transmitters, 2
high-gain TCI antennas, and a 750 kVA standby generator. Although the
equipment is transmission-ready, there are still some logistical
details to be worked out, such as local staffing, license transfer,
studio-to-transmitter link, selection of frequencies, etc. We will be
working to return the station to the air over the next few months,
hopefully by Easter next year. A press release is attached, which will
be distributed through the PR Newswire this coming Friday.

You are welcome to convey any of this news in your next WOR, if you
wish (Ray Robinson, Operations Manager
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Dec 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1572, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: KVOH.
Viz.:

VOICE OF HOPE ñ AFRICA / 634 words

Wiring the world for soundÖ

VOICE OF HOPE - AFRICA is the latest acquisition by California based Strategic Communications Group in their quest of World-class radio stations programmed to span the globe with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
December 18, 2014

(Los Angeles, California) December 18, 2014 ñ Strategic Communications Group (ìSCGî, http://www.voiceofhope.com announced today the purchase of its newest shortwave transmission facility in Lusaka, Zambia. Broadcast signals from this facility will soon be available to more than one billion potential listeners across the continent of Africa.

Strategic Communications Group, a broadcaster headquartered near Los Angeles, purchased the state-of-the-art transmission facility this month from Christian Vision
https://cvglobal.co
[? This URL is correct, for some reason under Colombia --- gh]

The super-station will operate as Voice of Hope ñ Africa broadcasting the Gospel of Jesus Christ in English and several African languages - as well as providing news, health, and other information programming to audiences throughout the continent.

Reflecting on the acquisition, SCG President John Tayloe said

ìShortwave signals continue to cross political, social, racial, economic, and cultural barriers. It is notable that Chinaís explosive growth in shortwave broadcasting has increased their audience worldwide and has filled the void left by retreating Western countries from the powerful medium. I believe shortwave is the perfect medium for carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Unlike other forms of mass media such as satellite, terrestrial television/AM/FM radio, and printed materials - shortwave radio signals can still be sent without program content being restricted in any way.

The Voice of Hope ñ Africa is a remarkable platform to reach millions. Voice of Hope is also excited about the latest technical advances that provide new opportunities such as CD quality over-the-air digital broadcasting (Digital Radio Mondiale - DRM), 24/7 internet streaming simulcasts, and dynamic interactive websites - and is actively investigating integrating all of these advances within each broadcast ministry.î

The Voice of Hope ñ Africa campus has 12 buildings on 150 acres. It houses two 100 kW Continental shortwave transmitters and two high-gain

TCI long range antennas that beam strong signals over all of west, central, and southern Africa.

As part of its commitment to the community, SCG will also operate a Health Clinic from its broadcast campus and explore the viability of an annual Leadership program for Christian Pastors and Lay leaders.

Because of its unique location, plans to expand the Voice of Hopeís footprint into India and China from this location are also being evaluated.

In a message to SCG, Jeff White, Past President, National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters --- ìNASBî, http://www.shortwave.org --- said: "At a time when some countries and organizations have been reducing or eliminating their shortwave transmissions, it is refreshing to see that broadcasters like Voice of Hope are expanding their reach and giving new life to shortwave. Africa is particularly important since the people of this continent rely heavily on shortwave radio to hear news, information and spiritual programming."

Strategic Communications Group was established in November 1998 as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charity in the United States. SCG also owns and operates the Voice of Hope ñ Americas (KVOH) radio station from Los Angeles that was launched in 1986 by George Otis, Sr., founder of High Adventure Ministries (1973-1999), and features broadcasts in Spanish and English to Latin America, the Caribbean, Canada and the USA.

SCG is in the final stages of a major upgrade to the broadcast signal of Voice of Hope ñ Americas, installing a high-performance Harris shortwave transmitter.

SCG is also in the planning stages for a state-of-the-art global Technical Operations Center (TOC) to be located in the Los Angeles area. This TOC will allow efficient monitoring and technical support of all Voice of Hope broadcast transmitter sites in the U.S. and abroad. For further information contact:
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(via Ray Robinson, KVOH, Dec 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4780, 1446-1500+ 10, 12, 16 Dec. JBA with Qur'an recitations, M/W chat in Arabic and occasional song breaks and mostly wrecked by CODAR. Djibouti long-path would be nice, but it'll take some amazing condx to get more info (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL606 'barefoot', DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4863.30, 0030 to 0040 some audio 16 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4915.27, transmitter hum but no signal 16 December (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Domenica 14 dicembre 2014 (R7), 1745 (ma anche prima) - 7115 kHz, ALL INDIA RADIO???? Urdu, nxs OM. Segnale sufficiente-buono/ Errore nella digitazione della frequenza di trasmissione? Tra l'altro, con Hargeisa 7120 spenta, in un primo momento avevo fatto confusione, pensando ad un cambio di frequenza dal Somaliland (SWL I1-0799GE, Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia. G.C. 44 21' 06.89" N / 09 13' 30.94" E, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. "Wuu-Wuu" type jammer is regular heard. For examples on Dec 8: at 0400 UT on 9565 kHz over Radio Super, Brazil; at 1300-1400 UT on MW 1485; at 1400-1430 on 11890 etc. Unid in some language (Cantonese?) without Beijing's jamming was observed in times 1400-1900 on Dec 5 till 9 on 6870 6970 kHz. On Dec 5 at 1500 UT there was ID "This is Radio Free Asia". Feeders, or spurs ? (Rumen Pankov, Dec 11, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 13 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13560-SSB, Dec 14 at 0558, Spanish 2-way barely audible right on the ISM hash frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Thanks to Will Martin, St Louis MO, for supporting WOR and DXLD with a check to WORLD OF RADIO, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:
Note from THOMAS HUNT: Thanks for the show. I listen every week (with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

GERALD T POLLARD, NC, for a solstitial cheque to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

SWL LOGGING SOFTWARE?

Glenn, I get your email logs from the updates from your website, as well as from the SWL email lists I am on, and I really like how detailed and organized they are. I am wondering if you use any particular SWL logging software to keep your log? They are really nice and detailed and I am looking for a strictly SWL logging program.
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Everything I can find seems to be amateur radio only with extra fields for transmitting info, etc. Thanks for any advice. 73, (Tom Bewick, K2BEW, Dec 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tom, I don`t use any logging program, which would force my info into strict formats. I like the flexibility of writing each log exactly the way I want it to appear. My original log is scribbled by hand in a notebook (and the computer is normally off), and then I spend a lot of time compiling, organizing, and writing for publication (Glenn to Tom, via DXLD)

Great job Glenn, no wonder it is so well done. Thanks, (Tom Bewick)

Subject: Anomalies and Whats New 2013?

It has taken me almost a year, to spot your 'Deliberate Mistake' (Anomalies and Whats New 2013!!). May as well make it Anomolies and Whats New 2015 Now, as we are almost there, anyhow I am almost surprised to find that you have any fingers left, for typing up after the mammoth editions of DXLD of late. All Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year (Ken Fletcher, UK, Dec 18, 2014, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Re Daniel Wyllyans` reports with errors:] Daniel, N„o sei se vocÍ viu a resposta enviada pelo Glenn Hauser em uma lista do exterior para a qual vocÍ enviou essa mesma mensagem. Se n„o leu, em sÌntese ele provou de forma categÛrica que a esmagadora maioria das escutas que vocÍ divulgou simplesmente n„o s„o verdadeiras.

Falar de interferÍncias de um modo que o seu receptor n„o È capaz de receber (DRM) e colocar um retransmissor da BBC no Senegal (paÌs que n„o tem nenhum transmissor de radiodifus„o em ondas curtas e tropicais h· cerca de 20 anos) simplesmente romperam todas as barreiras do absurdo.

Volto a repetir o que disse anteriormente quando vocÍ divulgou o grande DX da estaÁ„o chinesa em 100 kHz: vocÍ est· jogando n„o sÛ a sua credibilidade no lixo como a de todo Dexismo brasileiro e escancarando isso para o mundo inteiro ver. Da mesma forma a It·lia È lembrada por muitos do nosso meio pela existÍncia do famigerado Bellabarba (felizmente ele È uma exceÁ„o e aqui na lista temos ao menos um colega italiano que È "top"), vocÍ est· contribuindo fortemente para que ao menos entre os Dexistas do mundo todo o Brasil seja conhecido como terra do samba, futebol e do Daniel...

Sabia que ao menos um clube do exterior j· anunciou internamente que n„o publicar· absolutamente nada seu por considerar suas informaÁıes falsas?

Aconselho grandemente que reconsidere sua forma de agir. Hoje em dia fontes de conhecimento sobre o nosso hobby existem aos montes e s„o gratuitas. Eu n„o tive acesso a nada disso quando comecei.

Para encerrar: n„o venha dizer que sou agressivo e que n„o ganha nada para fazer os vÌdeos que faz, atÈ porque n„o conheÁo ninguÈm do nosso meio que exiba seus filmes sobre Dexismo em salas de cinema ou em parceria com qualquer est˙dio de Hollywood fature milhıes.

Normalmente o Glenn Hauser tem uma forma bem menos cortÍs (ao meu ver) de escrever quando corrige as pessoas. Aproveite que na mensagem que ele mandou pareceu estar num dia de excelente humor e tire algumas liÁıes de mais essa histÛria infeliz na qual vocÍ È protagonista.
73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP
https://www.youtube.com/regionaldx
http://ivandias.wordpress.com
13 dec, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

PUBLICATIONS
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WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK 2015

Our copy arrived Dec 15 --- the absolutely essential reference in the shortwave broadcasting field. Ordering info at http://www.wrth.com and a CD-ROM version is also available. Can be purchased via US booksellers once available, including UNIVERSAL RADIO.

See previous DXLD about SHORTWAVE RECEIVERS PAST & PRESENT, also from Universal, and also mentioned on (WORLD OF RADIO 1752)

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BBC - sÈrie O R·dio no Brasil

Salve, dexistas! O R·dio no Brasil - sÈrie de dez programas produzida pela BBC Brasil - È uma obra radiofÙnica de referÍncia para todo estudioso da histÛria do r·dio brasileiro.

O DX Clube do Brasil tem a enorme satisfaÁ„o de oferecer em seu site este cl·ssico das ondas curtas em lÌngua portuguesa.

A sÈrie inclui nove programas sobre a histÛria do r·dio no Brasil, desde os primÛrdios atÈ os dias atuais, repletos de depoimentos e

gravaÁıes de Època. O dÈcimo episÛdio È dedicado ‡ histÛria da BBC Brasil.

O R·dio no Brasil teve trÍs ediÁıes: a primeira em 1988
(cinquenten·rio do ServiÁo Brasileiro da BBC em ondas curtas) e
atualizaÁıes em 1998 e 2008. O DXCB n„o perde tempo e oferece logo as
trÍs ediÁıes completas. Clique no link abaixo e divirta-se!

http://www.ondascurtas.com/materiais/audios/acervo/27-audios/acervo/bbc/210-o-radio-no-brasil
(Valter Aguiar, 13 Dec 2014, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

TINY TRAP
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LITHUANIA is a ``tiny country`` according to BBC correspondent David
Shookman (sp?) reporting from S Korea about offshore drilling, at 2325
UT Dec 16 as seen via OETA on BBC World News America (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO PHILATELY
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AMATEUR RADIO THRU PHILATELY

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7ym5Rcp7VZhSl9RNWYwUVNYVnc/view?pli=1
(via Fabio Flosi, radiostamps yg via DXLD) illustrated

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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HOMEPLUGS OR PLT

The Ban PLT website has been revamped with the latest information and
an EU petition which you can sign. http://www.ban-plt.org.uk
(Gareth, Sent from my iPad, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See MEXICO
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ARGENTINA; BRAZIL; FINLAND; ROMANIA;
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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URL FOR DETERMINING LAT-LON FROM A STREET ADDRESS

I stumbled on a URL for determining Lat-Lon of a location based on the
street address of that location. I cannot remember the circumstances

of how I found this URL, so I'll chalk it up to serendipity.

Here's the URL: http://stevemorse.org/jcal/latlon.php

I have tested it with several locations for which I have both street address and Lat-Lon data. The Lat-Lon data used came from an app on my iPhone 4 called "Maidenhead."

The Lat-Lon from the Maidenhead app had an accuracy of "within 5 metres." The Lat-Lon from the webpage was spot-on, matching the Maidenhead data.

Works for me!! Of course, YMMV. 73 & Good DX, (Steve Ponder, N5WBI, Houston TX, ABDX via DXLD)

DR. ELIZABETH BRUTON TALKS ABOUT MARCONI
Southgate December 12, 2014

On Friday, December 12, Dr. Elizabeth Bruton, who is well known for her radio communications presentations at the RSGB Convention, gave an interview about Marconi, Chelmsford and modern technology on the BBC Essex Dave Monk Show.

She can be heard in the segment starting 01:43:25 into the recording at http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p008c09v

Dr. Elizabeth Bruton @lizbruton

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2014/december/dr_elizabeth_bruton_talks_about_marconi.htm
(Posted by: Mike Terry, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

1 RADIO NEWS - OF INTEREST TO SHORTWAVE COMMUNITY

Glenn, I thought you might find this interesting!

http://1radionews.com

1 Radio News is the quickest, easiest way to listen to radio news on Android. It has headlines on-demand and live global stations.

Media coverage from the Saint Paul Pioneer Press:
http://www.twincities.com/technology/ci_27126299/new-app-creates-smartphone-shortwave-radio-world-news

Blog buzz from news junkies in the shortwave listening community:
http://swling.com/blog/2014/12/more-from-1-radio-news-developer-steven-clift/

Feel free to pass along (Steven Clift - http://stevenclift.com DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also INTERNATIONAL INTERNET

PROPAGATION
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GEOMAGNETIC INDICES ñ Compiled by: Phil Bytheway
Geomagnetic Summary November 1 2014 through November 30 2014
Tabulated from email status daily (K @ 0000 UTC.)

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx
1	120	6	1	no storms
2	124	8	1	no storms
3	125	6	2	moderate, R2
4	129	21	4	minor, R1
5	135	16	3	moderate, R2
6	136	9	3	moderate, R2
7	146	12	3	strong, R3
8	132	8	3	no storms
9	136	27	4	minor, G1
10	136	23	2	no storms
11	142	12	1	minor, G1
12	153	8	1	no storms
13	161	12	3	no storms
14	161	15	2	minor, R1
15	172	25	3	moderate, R2
16	168	13	3	no storms
17	168	12	3	no storms
18	167	11	2	no storms
19	170	10	2	no storms
20	168	11	2	no storms
21	163	15	3	no storms
22	167	10	4	no storms
23	173	10	2	no storms
24	172	7	1	no storms
25	169	5	1	no storms
26	171	5	1	no storms
27	179	8	2	no storms
28	181	5	1	no storms
29	177	5	1	no storms
30	177	8	3	no storms

Gx ñ Geomagnetic Storm Level
Rx ñ Radio Blackouts Level
Sx ñ Solar Radiation Storm Level
(IRCA DX Monitor Dec 13 via DXLD)

Geomagnetic activity summary: geomagnetic field was quiet on Dec 4 and 10, quiet to unsettled on Dec 5, unsettled on Dec 6, 8 and 9,

unsettled to active on Dec 7. RWC Prague, Geophysical Institute
Prague, Geomagnetic Dept, Czech Republic

GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 12, 2014 -
JANUARY 7, 2015

Geomagnetic field will be:
quiet on December 22, 25 - 26
mostly quiet on December 21, 23 - 24, 29 - 31
quiet to unsettled on December 14 - 15, 18 - 20, 27 - 28, January 1 -
2, 6 - 7
quiet to active on December 12 - 13, 16 - 17, January 4 - 5
active to disturbed January 3

Amplifications of the solar wind are expected on December 13, 16 - 18,
January 2 - 5

Remark:
- Reliability of predictions is temporarily reduced.
- Parentheses indicate a lower probability of increased activity.

Petr Kolman, OK1MGW, Czech Propagation Interest Group
(OK1HH & OK1MGW, weekly forecasts since 1978)
e-mail: kolmanp(at)razdva.cz (via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
:Issued: 2014 Dec 15 0655 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 08 - 14 December 2014

NOTE: A power and communications outage, which began on 13 December
2014 at approximately 1200 UTC and lasted until approximately 14
December 2014 at 0101 UTC, resulted in the loss of ACE and GOES
spacecraft data as well as ground-based magnetometer data.
Additionally, a second communications outage from 14 December 2014
at 1405 UTC until 1725 UTC resulted in the loss of GOES-13 satellite
data.

Solar activity reached moderate (R1 - minor on NOAA Scales) levels
with an M1.5 flare from Region 2241 (S11, L=217, class/area=Dac/100
on 14 Dec) on 13 December at 0520 UTC, and an M1/Sf from Region 2242
(S20, L=238, class/area=Dac/100 on 14 Dec) on 14 December at 1933

UTC. Associated with the latter event was a Type II radio emission with an estimated shock velocity of 1028 km/s and a CME off the SE limb, first visible in LASCO C2 imagery at 14/2000 UTC. This event was not expected to be geoeffective, but analysis was underway at the time of this writing. Both Regions 2241 and 2242 contained beta-gamma magnetic configurations.

Tyep II radio emissions were also reported on 13 December at 2157 UTC (767 km/s) and earlier at 1448 UTC (955 km/s), both during the power and communications outage mentioned above. SDO/AIA 304 imagery from that time period and reports from ground-based observatories suggests the emissions were associated with activity from Region 2227 (S04, L=002, class/area=Cso/150 on 08 Dec) as it approached the west limb. SDO/EVE data indicated the 2157 UTC event may have been associated with an M-class flare. No Earth directed CMEs were observed in SOHO/LASCO Coronagraph imagery from these events.

The remainder of the week was characterized by C-class flares, almost a third of which originated from Region 2230 (S15, L=321, class/area=Dac/190 on 13 Dec). This region was also magnetically complex, maintaining a beta-gamma configuration for most of the week. Region 2222 (S19, L=85, class/area=Ekc/770 on 04 Dec) rotated off the visible disk on 08 December as the largest Region of the week.

None of the other CMEs observed during the week were judged to be Earth-directed.

No proton events meeting alert thresholds were observed at geosynchronous orbit. However, the greater than 10 MeV proton flux was enhanced, reaching a maximum flux value of 2.5 pfu at 14/1020 UTC. The enhancement was likely the result of significant flare activity from old Region 2222 (S19, L=102) behind the west limb.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached high levels through 12 December. Insufficient data were available to characterize the environment on 13-14 December. The peak flux recorded was 9960 pfu on 08/1815 UTC.

Geomagnetic field activity briefly reached minor storm levels on 12 December, during the 12-15 UTC synoptic period, in response to a geoeffective positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream. Wind speed at the ACE spacecraft peaked in the 600-700 km/s range while Bz dipped to nearly - 11 nT. The high speed stream brough unsettled to minor storm conditions for all of 12 December. Earlier, a negative polarity coronal hole high speed stream kept geomagnetic activity at unsettled to active levels for the first two days of the week. Solar wind speed began the week at nearly 800 km/s, and

remained above 600 km/s until early on 09 December. By 10 December, geomagnetic activity had relaxed to quiet to unsettled levels which persisted until the next high speed stream arrived on the 12th, and prevailed again on the 13th-14th as the positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream began to wane.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 15 DEC 2014-10 JAN 2015

Solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels through the forecast period.

There is a slight chance for a proton event at geosynchronous orbit through the forecast period.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate to high levels through 22 December. Moderate to high levels will also be possible 29-30 December, 03-05 January, and 08-10 January in response to recurrent high speed solar wind streams.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at unsettled to active levels through 20 December. Unsettled to active levels, with a chance for minor storm conditions are expected on 28 December through 09 January in response to recurrent high speed solar wind features.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2014-12-15
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2014 Dec 15	170	8	3
2014 Dec 16	170	8	3
2014 Dec 17	170	10	3
2014 Dec 18	165	12	4
2014 Dec 19	160	10	3
2014 Dec 20	165	10	3
2014 Dec 21	170	5	2
2014 Dec 22	165	5	2
2014 Dec 23	155	5	2
2014 Dec 24	150	5	2

2014 Dec 25	150	5	2
2014 Dec 26	145	5	2
2014 Dec 27	140	5	2
2014 Dec 28	140	8	3
2014 Dec 29	140	8	3
2014 Dec 30	135	8	3
2014 Dec 31	135	10	3
2015 Jan 01	135	10	3
2015 Jan 02	140	12	4
2015 Jan 03	140	25	5
2015 Jan 04	140	15	4
2015 Jan 05	145	10	3
2015 Jan 06	155	8	3
2015 Jan 07	155	8	3
2015 Jan 08	160	10	4
2015 Jan 09	165	10	4
2015 Jan 10	165	8	3

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1752, DXLD)

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <http://www.bandconditions.com>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA (Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 1193, December 15, 2014, Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio) via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

GLENN`S PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF DECEMBER 18

IPS in Australia comments: Periods of degraded HF conditions are possible at high latitudes, with a moderate chance of short-wave fadeouts for the next few days.

Spaceweather South Africa predixions thru December 20: magnetic conditions quiet to unsettled. Shortwave fadeouts unlikely; MUF unstable.

Met Office UK, thru Dec 21, calls for Solar activity at moderate levels with an 85% risk of flares, and a 25% risk of extreme class flares. December 19 into 20, geomagnetic field could become active, with a low risk of minor storm conditions if the CME following a moderate flare impacts as expected.

The outlook from Prague: geomagnetic field will be:
quiet to unsettled on December 18 - 20, 27 - 28, January 1 - 2, 6 - 7
mostly quiet on December 21, 23 - 24, 29 - 31
quiet on December 22, 25 - 26
active to disturbed January 3
quiet to active on January 4 - 5

SWPC in Boulder says geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at unsettled to active levels through December 20. Unsettled to active levels, with a chance for minor storm conditions are expected on December 28 through January 9 in response to recurrent high speed solar wind features. A and K indices of only 5 and 2 from December 21 to 27, rising to a peak of 25 and 5 on January 3. Solar flux peaking at 170 on Dec 21, dropping to 135 by December 30.

OPDX suggests you check out the REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <http://www.bandconditions.com>: to provide 24-7-365 REALTIME band conditions, based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry"

[no report next week, as MN+ is pre-recorded for holiday] ###